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Kharge wins Congress presidential election

The veteran got over 7,800 of the 9,385 votes polled and will be the first non-Gandhi leader in 24 years to assume the party's top post on October 26. His rival Tharoor polled 1,072 votes

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge was elected as the new Congress president on Wednesday after he secured 7,897 out of the 9,385 votes polled. His rival, Shashi Tharoor, sprung a surprise by polling an impressive 1,072 votes.

Mr. Kharge, 80, the first non-Gandhi leader in 24 years to occupy the party's top post, will take charge on October 26. In the nearly 137-year-old history of the Congress, it was the sixth time that the party witnessed an electoral contest for the top post.

Outgoing Congress president Sonia Gandhi, general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Mr. Tharoor were among the leaders who visited Mr. Kharge's residence to congratulate him.

For change: Shashi Tharoor greeting the newly elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"The Congress president represents a democratic vision of India. His vast experience and ideological commitment will serve the party well as he takes on this historic responsibility," former party chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to congratulate Mr. Kharge on his new responsibility and wished him a fruitful tenure.

Madhusudan Mistry, chairman of the Central Election Authority of the party, said 416 votes were declared as invalid.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Kharge thanked Ms. Gandhi for reviving the party during her stint of more than two decades and leading the party to form governments at the Centre twice.

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Recruitment scam: CID arrests 37 teachers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In one of the major raids carried out in the recent past, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Wednesday arrested 37 teachers who were allegedly appointed illegally in a recruitment scam the agency is now probing.

Thirty special teams carried out the raid simultaneously at 51 places across the State, including in Kolar, Chickballapur, Bengaluru South, and Chitradurga, and arrested teachers who were allegedly appointed through malpractices.

24 from Kolar district

Among the arrested, 24 are from Kolar, five each from Bengaluru South and Chitradurga districts, and three from Chickballapur.

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China again blocks 2 proposals on Pak. terrorists at UNSC

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

China once again blocked proposals by India and the U.S. to designate Pakistan-based terrorists on the UN Security Council's 1267 list of terror entities.

The listings for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed's son Talha Saeed and Shahid Mehmood, deputy chief of a front for the LeT named the Falah I Insaniyat Foundation (FIF), were made by New Delhi and Washington jointly. They submitted in the proposals that Talha Saeed and Mehmood were wanted for procuring funds and recruitment for the LeT/JuD (Jamaat-ud-Dawa), the group behind the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and other terror attacks in India.

China placed a hold on both in quick succession on Tuesday and Wednesday at the UNSC.

The moves came even as UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres visited the memorial site for the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai and called for "global cooperation" on terror.

Next week, India will host all members of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) of the UNSC, including China's UN Ambassador, in Mumbai, where they will also visit the 26/11 memorial, as part of a number of events planned by the government to highlight India's counter-terrorism efforts.

China's block also comes as the Financial Action Task Force plenary began in Paris, which is likely to remove Pakistan from its grey list, where it has been under scrutiny since 2018 for failing to counter terror financing.

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Passengers in rear seats too must wear belts

BENGALURU
DG&IGP Praveen Sood directed all commissionerates and traffic department heads to enforce compulsory wearing of seat belt for all the passengers of motor vehicles with an enhanced fine of ₹1,000.

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BENGALURU
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YANGON

Bomb blasts outside Myanmar prison kill eight, injure 18 persons

At least two bombs exploded outside a prison in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon, killing eight persons and wounding 18. The bombs hit a crowd queueing to drop off parcels for inmates at Insein Prison, junta authorities said. It blamed "terrorists" and said the dead included three prison staff and a 10-year-old girl. AP

ISLAMABAD

World Bank estimates floods led to $40 billion in damages: Pakistan

Pakistan said the World Bank estimates this summer's floods have caused $40 billion in damages. This is $10 billion more than the government's estimate. The new assessment came during a meeting between the Prime Minister and climate change experts. There was no immediate word from the World Bank. GETTY IMAGES

DUBAI

'U.S. citizen jailed in Saudi Arabia for tweets on Khashoggi, Yemen'

A U.S. citizen jailed in Saudi Arabia is being punished for "mild" Twitter posts on topics including the war in Yemen and the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, his son said. Saad Ibrahim Almadi, a 72-year-old of Saudi origin, was this month sentenced to 16 years in prison for social media criticism of the government. AP

BEIJING

China lodges formal complaint with Britain over clash at consulate

China said it has lodged a complaint with Britain over an altercation between its diplomats and a Hong Kong protester on the grounds of its Manchester consulate. The incident has drawn widespread condemnation and triggered an international row that saw the U.K. foreign office summon a senior Chinese diplomat. REUTERS

Israel vows not to supply weapons to Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel will not send weapons to Ukraine, Defence Minister Benny Gantz said on Wednesday, two days after Russia warned that an Israeli move to bolster Kyiv's forces would severely damage relations.

"Our policy vis-a-vis Ukraine will not change – we will continue to support and stand with the West, we will not provide weapon systems," Mr. Gantz told a briefing of European Union ambassadors.

The Israeli stance has infuriated Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is Jewish, has on several occasions blasted Israel for failing to firmly oppose Russian aggression.

Mr. Gantz said on Wednesday that Israel would continue providing "humanitarian aid" to Ukraine. But weapons supplies were off the table, "due to a variety of operational considerations," he added.

Putin declares martial law in annexed regions of Ukraine

Decree gives law enforcement agencies three days to submit specific proposals, and orders the creation of territorial defence forces; pro-Russia officials say they're pulling out from Kherson city

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin declared martial law on Wednesday in the four regions of Ukraine that Moscow annexed and gave additional emergency powers to the heads of all regions of Russia.

Mr. Putin didn't immediately spell out the steps that would be taken under martial law, but said his order was effective starting Thursday. His decree gives law enforcement agencies three days to submit specific proposals and orders the creation of territorial defence forces in the four annexed regions. "We are working to solve very difficult large-scale tasks to ensure Russia's security and safe future, to protect our people," Mr. Putin said in televised remarks at the start of a Security Council meeting. "Those who are on the frontlines or undergoing training at firing ranges and training centres should feel our support and know that they have our big, great country and unified people behind their back."

Building blocks: A man fixing a wall in a children's play area in the Taras Shevchenko Park in Kyiv on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

The upper house of Russia's Parliament was set to quickly seal Mr. Putin's decision to impose martial law in the annexed Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions. Draft legislation indicates it may involve restrictions on travel and public gatherings, tighter censorship and broader authority for law enforcement agencies.

Extra powers

Mr. Putin also didn't provide details of the extra powers the heads of Russian regions will have under his decree.

In a signal his moves could have broad restrictions for people living in Russia, his decree states that the types of measures envisaged by martial law could be introduced in Russia. The Russian leader also ordered the establishment of a Coordination Committee to increase interactions between government agencies in dealing with the fighting in Ukraine that he continued to call a "special military operation."

Pro-Kremlin officials said they were pulling out of the key southern Ukraine city of Kherson on Wednesday, as Kyiv's forces advanced on territory in Russian hands.

Kherson was the first major city to fall to Moscow's troops after the February invasion and retaking it would be a crucial prize in Ukraine's ongoing counter-offensive.
(with inputs from AFP)

U.K.'s Truss tells booing MPs she's a 'fighter', not a 'quitter'

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

British Prime Minister Liz Truss insisted on Wednesday she would not quit as she faced questions from booing MPs at her first Question Time session since abandoning her disastrous tax-slashing economic policies.

Ms. Truss faced hostile questioning from Opposition Labour leader Keir Starmer, who asked the House of Commons: "What's the point of a Prime Minister whose promises don't even last a week?"

Mr. Starmer mocked Ms. Truss by leading his MPs in chants of "Gone, gone!" as he read out a list of her dropped policies. "Why is she still here?" Ms. Truss responded defiantly: "I am a fighter and not a quitter", insisting that "I am someone who is prepared to front up. I'm prepared to take the tough decisions".

Liz Truss

She insisted: "I have acted in the national interest to make sure that we have economic stability."

The session took place less than 48 hours after new Finance Minister Jeremy Hunt dismembered Ms. Truss's flagship tax plans in a humiliating blow. He sat at her side in parliament, nodding along to her responses.

At least five Conservative party MPs have already publicly called for her to be replaced amid catastrophic popularity ratings.

Polls show Ms. Truss's personal and party ratings have plummeted, with YouGov saying on Tuesday that she had become the most unpopular leader it has ever tracked.

Iranian woman greeted as hero after competing in S.Korea without hijab

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

An Iranian climber who caused a sensation by competing at an event abroad without a hijab was on Wednesday given a hero's welcome on her return to Tehran by supporters who raucously applauded her action.

With Iran still shaken by women-led protests over the death of Mahsa Amini one month ago, Elnaz Rekabi flew back to a Tehran airport after the competition in South Korea.

In an Instagram post and comments at the airport, Ms. Rekabi has apologised over what happened and insisted her hijab – which all Iranian women, including athletes, must wear – had accidentally slipped off.

Onwards and upwards: Elnaz Rekabi participating in the women boulder finals of the Asian Championships of the IFSC in Seoul. AFP

But activists fear her comments were made under pressure from Iranian authorities, who were likely infuriated by her actions.

"Elnaz is a hero" and "Well done Elnaz!" chanted dozens of supporters who gathered outside the Imam Khomeini International Airport terminal.

"Concerns for her safety remain," said the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI).

"Due to the atmosphere prevailing in the finals of the competition and the unexpected call for me to start my run, I got tangled with my technical equipment and... that caused me to remain unaware of the hijab that I should have observed," she said to pressmen at the airport.

But the Islamic republic has been repeatedly accused by activists of coercing people into making statements of contrition.

The British actress of Iranian origin Nazanin Boniadi, who is an ambassador for Amnesty International in the U.K., tweeted that it was clear Ms. Rekabi had been "forced to make this statement by authorities that constantly use forced and televised confessions." Observers "should not be swayed by state propaganda", the CHRI said.

Joe Biden to release 15 mn barrels from oil reserve

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden will announce the release of 15 million barrels of oil from the U.S. strategic reserve on Wednesday as part of a response to recent production cuts announced by OPEC+ nations, and he will say more drawdowns are possible this winter, as his administration rushes to be seen as pulling out all the stops ahead of next month's midterm elections.

Mr. Biden will deliver remarks on Wednesday to announce the drawdown from the strategic reserve, senior officials said on Tuesday on the condition of anonymity to outline Mr. Biden's plans.

Bolsonaro issues apology for his remarks on Venezuelan girls

Agence France-Presse
RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro apologised on Tuesday after his visit to a group of teenagers he implied were sex workers drew accusations of "pedophilia" from opponents.

Fighting for re-election against Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the far-right President has been swept up in a firestorm over his remarks about the underage Venezuelan girls, whom he called "very pretty".

"If my words were somehow misinterpreted or caused discomfort to our Venezuelan sisters, I apologise," Mr. Bolsonaro said.

The controversy erupted on Friday when Mr. Bolsonaro spoke about visiting the home of "three or four very pretty 14- or 15-year-olds" last year in a poor Brasilia neighborhood.

"There was a vibe between us. I turned around. 'Can I come in your house?' I went inside. There were 15 or 20 girls (in the house), all Venezuelans aged 14, 15, getting ready on a Saturday. Why? To earn a living," he said.

The anecdote appeared intended as one of Mr. Bolsonaro's frequent warnings that Brazil will suffer the same fate as crisis-torn Venezuela if it elects Lula.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Rupee slips to a new low against the dollar on Wednesday

83 The mark the rupee touched for the first time against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday amid unabated foreign capital outflows and a strong dollar in the overseas markets. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened strong at 82.32 but later pared gains to settle at an all-time low of 83.01 (provisional) against the American currency. PTI

The rise in food prices drive U.K. inflation to a 40-year high

14.6 The pace at which food prices rose in the U.K. last month, driving inflation back to a 40-year high. Food prices soared due to the cost of staples such as meat, bread and milk. This pushed consumer price inflation back to 10.1%, the highest since 1982 and equal to the level reached in July. This has led to calls for more government intervention. PTI

Biden to release the last batch of the 180 million barrels

15 In million, the number of barrels of oil that President Joe Biden will release from the U.S. strategic reserve as part of a response to the recent production cuts announced by OPEC+ nations. It completes the release of 180 million barrels authorised by Mr. Biden in March that was supposed to occur over six months. This has sent the strategic reserve to its lowest level since 1984. PTI

Domestic passenger volume rises to 10.35 million since last year

65 The percentage by which domestic air passenger volume grew to 10.35 million in September over the same period last year. In terms of market share, leading carrier IndiGo cornered 57% of the total domestic traffic pie, carrying 59.72 lakh passengers across its domestic network followed by Vistara, which flew 9.96 lakh passengers with 9.6% market share. PTI

U.S. repatriates antiquities stolen and trafficked from India

307 The number of stolen and trafficked Indian antiquities, valued at nearly four million dollars, which will be repatriated by the U.S. Of these, 235 antiquities were seized from disgraced art dealer Subhash Kapoor who helped traffic items from India and other countries. Among the pieces is the Arch Parikara, dating back to the 12-13th century. PTI

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Held up by the Chinese

Why does China keep blocking the names India suggests for listing under the United Nations Security Council's list of terrorists who are affiliated to the Al Qaeda and ISIS? Which was the most recent event? What is the mandate of the 1267 Committee that was set up in 1999 by the United Nations?

EXPLAINER

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

On Wednesday, China placed a "hold" on a joint India-U.S. proposal, to designate Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Shahid Mehmood under the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) 1267 list of terrorists affiliated to Al Qaeda and ISIS. The hold marked the fourth time China had attempted to block a listing move by India and the U.S. in the past four months.

What does "placing a hold" mean?

The 1267 committee that was set up in 1999 (updated in 2011 and 2015) allows any UN member state to propose adding the name of a terrorist or terror group to a consolidated list, maintained by the Committee, that has affiliations to Al Qaeda and ISIS. India has successfully proposed the listing of several terror entities in the past two decades, including Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba. According to the rules, once a listing is proposed, it will be adopted into the list according to a "no-objections" procedure: which means, if any member of the Committee, which comprises all members of the UN Security Council, places a hold on the listing or objects outright to it, the listing cannot be adopted. As a permanent member of the UNSC, China can do this any number of times as its term doesn't run out, and it carries a veto vote.

The Committee is bound to resolve all such pending issues within six months, but can allow extensions, meaning that technically at the end of the six-month period, the "holding" country has to decide whether to accept the listing or place a permanent objection to it. However, in practice, many of the listing proposals have had prolonged waits.

What are the reasons China has given for holding the listings?

Since 2001, China has placed holds on a number of listing proposals relating mainly to Pakistan-based groups and their leaders, given the close bilateral ties between the two countries. Most notable was China's objections to the listing of JeM founder Masood Azhar. Azhar was released from prison by India in 1999 and handed over to terrorists in return for hostages onboard Indian Airlines flight IC-814, which should have left little doubt about Azhar's own status as a terrorist. While the JeM was listed at the UNSC in 2001, and Azhar was mentioned as the group's founder, he wasn't designated for several years. Even after the Parliament attack and the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, China kept placing a hold on the UNSC terror listing proposals for him: in 2009, 2010, 2016-18, claiming it had "inadequate information" on Masood Azhar's terror activities. In May 2019, three months after the Pulwama attacks that were traced to the JeM, China finally withdrew its hold.

When asked by *The Hindu* in August this year for a reason for the persistent "holds" on India's requests for various terror listings, Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong said they needed "some time to study these specific cases, but that doesn't mean China has changed its position on counter-terrorism cooperation efforts." In addition, it is possible that China objects to the listing proposals being brought by a group of countries, especially the joint proposals by India and the U.S. rather than by India alone, but has never given any comprehensive reason for the holds. At the UNSC meet in August, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Khamboj had called for an end to the practice of placing holds and blocks on listing requests "without giving any justification". "It is most regrettable that genuine and evidence-based listing proposals pertaining to some of the most notorious terrorists in the world are being placed on hold. Double standards and continuing politicisation have rendered the credibility of the sanctions regime at an all-time low."

Does India have options?

Since the Mumbai attacks in 2008, India has tried a number of different ways to build international consensus on cross-border terrorism, and the UNSC terror listings have been one such route. While China has blocked many of the listings, there are hundreds of names of terrorists and entities in Pakistan that pose a threat to India. As a UN member state, Pakistan has an obligation under the sanctions to block access for all designated entities to funds, arms and travel outside its jurisdiction.

This is something India has also pursued with the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force, where Pakistan was placed on a "grey list" due to its inability to curb terror financing and money laundering from 2012-2015 and 2018-2022. While Pakistan is likely to be taken off that list this week, it has had to carry out several actions against terror entities on its soil, and will continue to be under scrutiny.

Finally, India and the U.S. have built their own separate list of "most wanted" terrorists that document the cases against them, with a view to eventually receiving global cooperation on banning them.

Terror strikes: Security men inspect a site blast in the Lethpora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district in 2019. NISSAR AHMAD

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Why is Japan's Unification Church being investigated?

Why is the Fumio Kishida administration facing anger and backlash? What are the allegations of former members of the controversial religious group?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

On October 17, the Japanese government ordered an immediate investigation into the Unification Church, a religious group that has come under scrutiny after the assassination of the country's former Premier Shinzo Abe, as the suspected assassin revealed that he targeted Mr. Abe owing to his ties with the Church. Revelations about the association of nearly half of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lawmakers with the religious group has resulted in public anger against the government of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

What is the Unification Church?

The Unification Church is a religious group, often described as a 'cult' by critics, founded by late Reverend Sun Myung Moon in 1954 in South Korea. The Church, known for its ultra-conservative and anti-communist views, first expanded its international reach in Japan in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Reverend Moon, who died in 2012, was a self-declared messiah who tapped into the Japanese demographic by invoking traditional family values and leveraging a feeling of guilt over the country's past colonisation of the Korean Peninsula. According to *The New York Times*, an ardent Korean nationalist, Mr. Moon had an ambivalence toward Japan and told his followers that their country and ancestors had sinned greatly for which they had to sacrifice everything for the Church. Members were recruited in Japan through door-to-door campaigns, engaging relatives of existing members, railway station drives and university campaigns. The religious group collected massive donations from its adherents in multiple ways. Mr. Moon reportedly used these donations to expand his business empire and the Church's affliated organisations.

Why is it facing public backlash?

Former followers of the Church have come out over the decades as victims of brainwashing and monetary exploitation.

Late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's suspected assassin, 41-year-old Tetsuya Yamagami confessed to the police that he targeted Mr. Abe because of his ties with the Unification Church, which he said had pushed his mother into bankruptcy and destroyed his family. Mr.Yamagami said that the Church managed to extract nearly 100 million yen ($7,36,000) from his mother in the past two decades. The Church confirmed that his mother had indeed been a member of the group since 1998 and further stated that it had paid back 50 million yen to Mr. Yamagami's mother as part of a settlement in 2009. According to victims of the group's exploitation, the Church extracts huge amounts through 'spiritual pressure-sales" and by selling religious or blessed items and even blessings for exorbitant prices.

What is known about its political ties?

In 1968, Mr. Moon established the Federation for Victory Over Communism, the Chruch's political wing, and during the Cold War, used the anti-communist sentiment to get into the circles of global political leaders including those in Japan and the U.S. Mr. Abe, while not a member of the Church, was reported to have participated in multiples events of platforms associated with it. After Mr. Abe's assasination, an internal probe by the ruling LDP found that 179 of 379 lawmakers of the party had ties with the church. This subseqently pushed Mr. Kishida's approval ratings to record lows and forced a cabinet reshuffle, which included removing Mr. Abe's brother and former Defence Minister, Nobuo Kishi, from his post. Mr. Kishida further said that he would humbly listen to the people's "harsh voices" criticising his governing party's ties to the Church and help victims of its allegedly fraudulent businesses and huge donation collection.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **No:V.J.N.L/UBP/E.E/D.4/HSD/TND-22&23/2022-23 Dated:28/09/2022.**

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೊಳಿಸಿದ **"Construction of CC road and CC drain from Valmiki Community Hall to Sri Ranganathaswamy temple in Kadavigere Vajra of Hosadurga taluk. (Indent no:2341)" and "Construction of Bridge Cum Barrage between Belaguru-Mathur-Mallenahalli in Hosadurga taluk (Indent no: 2355)"** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮರು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21.10.2022** ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ **5.25** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**25.10.2022** ರಂದು 11 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ವಿಜನಿನಿ, ಭದ್ರಾ ಮೇಲ್ದಂಡೆ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.04, ಹೊಸದುರ್ಗ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ. (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ-3&4)** ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವದು.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **14.11.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **15.11.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **16.11.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **18.11.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ**

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054-SH Improvements APPENDIX 'E' ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) **155778 ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054-MDR Improvements APPENDIX 'E'** ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) **155779 ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054-MDR Bridge Improvements (Gram Bhandu Yojane)** ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) **157115 (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ-3&4)** ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ e-proc ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/ADK/MCA/530/22-23 dt.18.10.2022

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, No.1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 09/2022-23 DATED : 19.10.20222. Through e-procurement Two tender System

On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Electronic tenders on ITEMWISE TENDERS on e-procurement portal are invited by the Executive Engineer, No1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna in Karnataka from registered with the eligible KPWD/CPWD, public organization contractors for the work mentioned here under. Total No of works 2 works Types of works Improvements to roads under SCP-TSP Scheme. Estimated Amount Rs. 84.03 Lakhs to Rs. 84.09 Lakhs E.M.D. Details Rs. 168500/- (For Each works) The contractor can obtain the e-proc documents and can access eproc. For Two tender system works Contractors can download the documents form 20.10.2022 to 04.11. 2022 upto 4.00 PM will be the last date for submission of application through eproc. Date of Opening of Technical bid is on 07.11.2022 at 11.00 AM, and financial bid will be opened soon after the approval to technical bid. If any variation found in amount put to tender and E.M.D, amount mentioned in the bid document will be consider as final. Note: Further details can be obtained from the above office or e-procurement website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.1, HLBC Division,
Channarayapatna

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/645/2022-23

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-Mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that 33kV cables running along the BMRCL depot, viaduct and 750 V DC third rail sections laid inside the depot and on the viaduct between **BMRCL's Whitefield Depot, Whitefield Station to Sadaramangala station (Whitefield, Channasandra, Kadugodi, Pattandur Agrahara, Sadaramangala)** will be charged **on 20.10.2022**.

Any direct contact with 750V DC third rail or 33kV cables could be fatal.

Hence public at large are cautioned not to enter the viaduct in these areas without authorization.

BMRCL will not be responsible for any injury or casualty arising out of this unauthorized act.

This is issued in the interest of Public Safety.

Sd/- Chief Electrical Engineer (Traction)

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Office of The Chief Engineer (WWM - East)
5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore- 560009

No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/274/2022-23 Date: 18.10.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Item rate tender in two cover system from eligible tenderers for the work of **Providing and Laying 1800mm dia RCC NP-3 Sewer line from HSR Flyover to Agaram ISPS**.

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 839.32 Lakhs**. EMD: **Rs.14.86 Lakhs**.

Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on **18.11.2022** upto **17:30 hrs**.

The technical tender will be opened on **21.11.2022** at **16:00 hrs**. Regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (WWM-E)

DIPR/CP/MIA/2692/2021-22

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED (R)

Public Health Institute, Sheshadri Road, Opp. S.J.P. College, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001. Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com / md.ksmscl@karnatakagov.com

No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/PBM/20/2022-23 Date: 18-10-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: **HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/PBM/20/2022-23 (IND-987), Date: 18-10-2022.**
2) Tender Notification No: **HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/Re-TND/Blast freezer/22/2022-23 (IND-986), Date: 18-10-2022.**

Nation wide Tender is invited through **e-Tendering system** under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:

1) **Tender for Supply of Pathological Binocular Microscope under NVBDCP Programme.**
2) **Tender for Supply of Blast Freezer under State Blood Cell Programme.**

The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-Tendering system. Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 18-10-2022.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-Procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2682/Adverto/2022-23

Karnataka Sheep and Wool Development Corporation Ltd.

"Kuri Bhavana", UAS Campus,
Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024. Ph: 080-23414295,
23413294 e-mail:kswdcl@gmail.com

No: KSWDCL/MAC/PPP/TENDER/2022-23 Date:19.10.2022

Tender Notification

(Through Govt. of Karnataka, Department of e-Governance, Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Sheep and Wool Development Corporation Limited, intends to select a private operator for operation and maintenance of modern slaughter house in Cheelanahalli(v), Sira Taluk(M), Tumkur District through PPP mode. Eligible bidders may participate in tender process through e-procurment portal: **www.eproc.karnataka gov.in**

Date of Activation of tender documents in e-procurement portal from **19.10.2022 onwards.** Last date for submission of bids: **21.11.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** Opening of Qualification submission and Technical bid : **24.11.2022 at 15.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial bid : **28.11.2022 at 15.30 Hrs.**

For all further information and details, please contact undersigned office during the office hours - Phone : 080-23414295, 23413294, Mob. : 7026934288. KSWDCL reserves the full right to accept or reject any RFP and to annul the selection process, at anytime without any liablity or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment without assigning any reason. **Sd/-**

Chairman and Deputy Director
Tender Inviting Authority.

DIPR/CP/JA/2689/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/CYS-70 Date: 18.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere on **Total TurnKey Basis.**

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/38/Dt.17.10.2022 Tender for **I.** Replacement of faulty Bus Bar protection C & R panel by new low impedance type bus bar panel. **II.** Retrofitting of back up & differential realys of 3 x 100 MVA power transformer by Numerical relays. **III.** Providing dual DC source for existing C & R panels at 220/66/11 kV RS Chitradurga in TL & SS Division Chitradurga.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

No.:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/CYS-72 Date: 19.10.2022

KPTCL E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing Man Power Licence for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/969/Call-3/Dt.01.10.2022 for Short Term Tender for Providing Manpower Services on contract basis to TLM sub-division Davanagere coming under Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere. Total Requirement - 10 Nos.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.10.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office, L.F-10, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560096
Ph: 080-23598862/64/65/66 e-Mail: ht.cwcblr@cewacor.nic.in

No.: H-701(Advt)/2022-23 Date: 19.10.2022

e-Tender Notice for Handling & Transport Contract

Online tenders are invited from interested bidders for **regular Handling and Transportation contract for Fertilizers at Central Warehouse, Belagavi.** Further details may be seen and tender form may be downloaded from CWC's website **www.cewacor.nic.in www.tenderhome.com** & **www.eprocure.gov.in** Tender may be submitted online only at **www.cwceprocure.com** Last date for submission of tender **15.11.2022.**

Warehousing for everyone **Sd/- Regional Manager**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Assistant Commissioner (Welfare), BBMP Head Office, 2nd Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

NO.: BBMP/2022-23/IND763 DATE: 19.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Assistant Commissioner (Welfare), BBMP invites proposals from eligible bidders for Supply of following items detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Item Name
1	BBMP/2022-23/IND763	Supply of Motorized Two-Wheeler-110CC and Above GearLess BS-VI
2	BBMP/2022-23/IND748/ Call-3	Supply of Smart Cane For Blind. Call-3.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal from : **19.10.2022 onwards. 2)** Last date for uploading online queries : **21.10.2022 upto 5.00 p.m. 3)** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : **21.10.2022 at 11.00 a.m. 4)** Last date for uploading of tenders: **02.11.2022 upto 5.00 p.m. 5)** Date of opening of tenders : **03.11.2022 at 5.30 p.m.** Further details can be had from office of the undersigned or e-procurement website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact : 080-22975570.

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner (Welfare)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ.,
ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 4, ನವಲಗುಂದ-582208
Phone No:08380-229248 Fax No:08380-229017
E-mail : knnl.mrbcc4@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕನೀನಿನಿ:ಮಬದ-4:ಪಿ.ಬಿ:ಎಇ-1:4701/2022-23/859 ದಿನಾಂಕ:19/10/2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ:4, ನವಲಗುಂದ ರವರು ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಎಮ್ & ಎ.ಮ್.ಐ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ:4, ನವಲಗುಂದ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಡಿ Construction and Providing basic amenities of Veerashaiva Lingayat Samudaya Bhavan in Navalgund Town Under Malaprabha Command Area (WI No : 34261) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **20-10-2022** ರಂದು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ದಿನಾಂಕ : **02-11-2022** ರಂದು 4.00 pm ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **04-11-2022** ರಂದು 11.00 am ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ:4, ನವಲಗುಂದ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **08380-229248** ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಯಾವದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು,
ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ., ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 4, ನವಲಗುಂದ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/677/2022-23

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yagachi Project Division, Belur. PHONE: 08177-222294

Short term Tender Notification No.19/2022-23, Dated: 15-10-2022(Through e-procurement portal only)

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Yagachi Project Division, Belur-573115 Hassan Dist., invited Short termTender Notification through e- procurement only on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III&above of any State/Central Government/Public Sector organization in Two cover system on the basis of KW-2 & KW-3conditions. 1)Maximum Estimate cost: Rs. 110.00 Lakhs, 2) Minimum Estimate cost Rs.52.00Lakhs.3) MaximumEMD amount Rs.1.86Lakhs. 4) Minimum EMD amount Rs.0.88Lakhs 5) Number of Works: 08 (Eight) 6) The contractor can have access e-tender documents from Date:-21-10-2022 from 4.00 PM to Date:-29-10-2022 at 4.00 pm. through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by e – portal, 8)Opening of Technical bid on Date:- 31-10-2022 at 11.00 am onwards. (if possible)9)Opening of Financial bid on Date:- After the Approval of Technical Bid.10)Time limit :06 months (Including monsoon). For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, CNNL.,
Yagachi Project Division, Belur

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - West Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/RI-West/TEND/10/2022-23 Date: 19-10-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - West Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1	Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads including Footpath in Rajajinagara, Mahalakshmi Layout and Govindrajanagara Constituency Area of RI-West Division. **(2022-23)**	84.74	**Rs. 1.70 Lakhs** or **Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through Online and remaining **Rs. 0.70 Lakhs** Through Bank Guarantee
2	Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads including Footpath in Chamrajpete, Malleshwaram and Gandhinagara Constituency Area of RI-West Division. **(2022-23)**	84.73	**Rs. 1.70 Lakhs** or **Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through Online and remaining **Rs. 0.70 Lakhs** Through Bank Guarantee

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 20-10-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **28-10-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru - 560002. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 05-11-2022. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **07-11-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - West Division, Annex Building, No.3, Room No.101, 1st Floor, N.R. Square, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-West Division, BBMP.

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No: KRIMS/e-Tender/102/2022-23 Date: 19.10.2022

Tender Notification

(through e-Procurement Portal)

Sl.No.1: Tender No: KRIMS/e-Tender/102/2022-23, Date: 19.10.2022, **Tender Name: Supply and Installation of Equipments to Hospital at KRIMS, Karwar.** Tender Commencement Date: **21.10.2022**, Last date for uploading tender forms: **16.11.2022 before 5.00 pm.**

DIPR/ADK/MCA/536/22-23 dt. 19.10.2022 **Sd/- Director**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No.MESCOM-PROC0PURC/153/2022-PROC Date: 06.10.2022

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Tender No	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2022-23/IND892	2 Pin Crossarms - GI	25,000 Nos

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.), Corporate Office

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Advt No.IIITK/01/12/2022-23/262 dated 11.10.2022.

Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University

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No.R/UG-Admn/FN/NRI/NRI's-C/NRI-S/Exn/2022-23/ Date: 19.10.2022

EXTENSION NOTICE

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By order,
Sd/-
(SIVASANKAR S., IFS)
REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.)

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2022-23/4980 Date: 19.10.2022

: ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT):-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item rate tenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Public Works Department under KW- 1,2,3 & 4 Standard tender documents for a total of 41 works under 3054-SH Maitenance, 3054-MDR Maitenance, 3054-MDR Maitenance (Flood Damage Works) & 3054-MDR Bridge Maitenance(Flood Damage Works), 8443-Deposit works, 4059-Appendix-E, 5054-SH Roads, 5054- MDR Impts and 5054-SH Bridge Impts with maximum & minimum tender amounts of Rs. 123.88 Lakhs & Rs. 2.50 Lakhs respectively and. maximum & minimum EMD amounts of Rs. 2,00,000/- & 3,200/- respectively. Part-1:Tender receipt Date is on 29-10-2022 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 31-10-2022 after 4.45 PM after 4.45 PM, Part-2:Tender receipt Date is on 29-10-2022 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 31-10-2022 after 4.45 PM , Part-3:Tender receipt Date is on 02-11-2022 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 03-11-2022 after 4.45 PM after 4.45 PM and , Part-4:Tender receipt Date is on 02-11-2022 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 03-11-2022 after 4.45 PM , For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.eproc.karnataka gov.in after 19-10-2022

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Belagavi Dn Belagavi

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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ.ಧಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ.1/2022-23 / 2364 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.10.2022

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ಸಹಿ/-(ಕೆ. ಬಿ. ಚಾಟೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

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INBRIEF

Rupee weakens to 83 a dollar on foreign capital outflows

The rupee plunged 61 paise to dip below the 83-mark for the first time against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday amid unabated foreign capital outflows and a strong dollar in the overseas markets. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency closed at an all-time low of 83.00. Rising global crude prices and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local currency, traders said. Meanwhile, the dollar index advanced 0.31% to 112.48. PTI

Wendt India Q2 net rises 32% to ₹9.28 cr. on higher sales

Murugappa group firm Wendt India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter rose 32% to ₹9.28 crore from the year-earlier period on higher sales and continued focus on operational efficiency and cost control. Revenue from operations grew by 15% to ₹47.70 crore on account of higher sales to user industries such as auto, ceramics, bearings, glass, steel and cutting tools, among others, it said in a filing. Exports contracted by 11% to ₹11.37 crore.

Hatsun Agro Product Q2 net dips 49% as input costs surge

Hatsun Agro Product Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter dipped 49% to ₹42 crore on account of an increase in raw material costs and unprecedented rainfall. Revenue from operations grew by 7% to ₹1,748 crore while raw material costs rose 11% to ₹1,278 crore, the firm said in a filing. "The price rise of milk has been effected only from August 12. The benefit of cost increase will be realised in full in the quarters to come," Chairman R.G. Chandramogan said.

Pressure on rupee may rise if U.S. raises rates further: Fitch

'Public finances remain key driver of rating; India relatively insulated from global volatility due to limited reliance on external financing'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sharp spike: Fitch expects India's CAD to rise to 3.4% of GDP in 2022-23 from 1.2% last year. VIJAY BATE

Higher than expected interest rate increases in the U.S. could put further downward pressure on the rupee and increase imported inflation in India, but there is a limited risk to the country's sovereign rating from external pressures, Fitch Ratings said on Wednesday.

"We expect the authorities will continue to use reserves to manage exchange-rate volatility. This will probably erode reserve buffers further in the near term, but the impact will depend on the scale and duration of intervention," Fitch said on a day the rupee weakened to a fresh record low of 83 to the U.S. dollar.

'Risks to repo forecast'

While domestic factors are the primary driver of the RBI's monetary policy tightening, Fitch said risks to its current forecast of a peak repo rate of 6% in 2023-24 were 'skewed to the upside'.

"There is a significant chance of rate hikes in the U.S. beyond those in our assumptions, which could put further downward pressure on the rupee and increase imported price inflation," it said. Though external finances are 'becoming less of a strength' in India's credit profile, the rating firm said it expected foreign exchange reserves to remain robust and the current account deficit (CAD) to be 'contained at a sustainable level'.

"India's external buffers appear sufficient to cushion risks associated with rapid monetary policy tightening in the U.S. and high global commodity prices... Public finances remain the key driver of the rating and are only modestly affected by these developments, particularly as India is relatively insulated from global volatility due to the sovereign's limited reliance on external financing," the firm said in a note.

While India's forex reserves have shrunk by $101 billion between January and September this year, Fitch said they were still large at about $533 billion and provide a 'strong' reserve cover to support 8.9 months of imports.

"This is higher than during the 'taper tantrum' in 2013, when it stood at about 6.5 months, and offers the authorities scope to utilise reserves to smooth periods of external stress. Large reserves also provide reassurance about debt repayment capacity," Fitch noted. It added that short-term external debt due was equivalent to only about 24% of the reserves.

Fitch expects India's CAD to rise to 3.4% of GDP in FY23 from 1.2% last year, given the surge in imports due to strong domestic demand as well as high oil and coal prices.

China's total trade surplus with India 'surpasses $1 trillion'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

The favourable trade balance that China has enjoyed with India, since bilateral commerce began to boom in the early 2000s, has cumulatively exceeded $1 trillion, according to estimates.

The trade gap has particularly widened in the past decade. In 2021, annual two-way trade crossed $100 billion for the first time, reaching $125.6 billion, with India's imports accounting for $97.5 billion, pegging the imbalance at about $70 billion.

Trade ties began to boom since the early 2000s driven largely by India's imports of Chinese machinery and other equipment, up from $3 billion in the year 2000 to $42 billion in 2008, the year China became India's largest trading partner.

"China's trade with India is lopsided and in this period China had a favourable balance of trade that has crossed $1.2 trillion," said Srikanth Kondapalli, Professor in Chinese Studies and Dean of the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. "That is, in pure statistics, Chinese businesses earned that much money [from India]."

While some economists say India's trade imbalance with China should not be viewed in isolation – for instance, pharmaceuticals that India exports to the world require ingredients that are imported from China – Mr. Kondapalli said an imbalance over an extended period of time posed problems. Moreover, Chinese commitments to India to import substantially more Indian goods, particularly pharmaceuticals, have not materialised, although Chinese imports of Indian seafood is one area that has recently shown robust growth.

'CAD problems'

"These surpluses are consistent, and not addressed over a period of time, this leads to the problem of a current account deficit for India," he said. The imbalance in 2022 is set to surpass even last year's record. In the six months ended June, India's imports from China surged 34.5% to a record $57.51 billion, China's trade figures released in July show.

India's exports to China, however, shrank 35% and accounted for only $9.57 billion of the $67.08 billion two-way trade. China's Q3 trade data, which was due this week but has been delayed because of the ongoing Communist Party Congress, is expected to reflect continued growth in Indian imports.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	59,107	0.25
US Dollar	83.00	-0.76
Gold	50,471	-0.61
Brent oil	90.68	1.55

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3277.25	-7.05
Adani Ports	805.05	-4.90
Apollo Hosp	4388.75	22.75
Asian Paints	3212.75	-13.10
Axis Bank	829.85	13.50
Bajaj Auto	3655.85	44.55
Bajaj Finserv	1698.80	-27.45
Bajaj Finance	7380.40	-10.00
Bharti Airtel	783.40	0.25
BPCL	292.15	-3.60
Britannia Ind	3768.50	1.65
Cipla	1122.00	-3.85
Coal India	238.20	-3.50
Divis Lab	3608.05	35.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4316.90	-39.65
Eicher Motors	3612.30	-0.20
Grasim Ind	1684.35	-3.90
HCL Tech	995.65	-13.55
HDFC	2381.80	50.15
HDFC Bank	1458.65	14.80
HDFC Life	531.55	0.30
Hero MotoCorp	2541.20	-20.80
Hindalco	390.30	-3.15
Hind Unilever	2583.00	-19.25
ICICI Bank	892.10	-4.80
IndusInd Bank	1218.40	-4.85
Infosys	1485.45	-18.25
ITC	346.35	6.05
JSW Steel	625.90	-10.85
Kotak Bank	1869.35	9.65
L&T	1904.90	-13.20
M&M	1248.40	-5.40
Maruti Suzuki	8719.35	-88.00
NestleIndia	19739.10	351.25
NTPC	164.05	-2.90
ONGC	127.80	-0.90
PowerGrid Corp	213.90	1.55
Reliance Ind	2493.90	42.65
SBI Life	1227.10	8.05
State Bank	553.40	-9.05
Sun Pharma	976.90	-1.45
TataConsumerProduct	764.55	-9.80
Tata Motors	399.05	-5.20
Tata Steel	100.05	-0.60
TCS	3121.85	-22.85
Tech Mahindra	1019.20	-0.20
Titan	2644.55	3.45
UltraTech Cement	6398.40	51.65
UPL	676.80	-5.25
Wipro	378.05	-1.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 19

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.82	83.14
Euro	80.91	81.22
British Pound	92.99	93.35
Japanese Yen (100)	55.34	55.55
Chinese Yuan	11.46	11.51
Swiss Franc	82.47	82.83
Singapore Dollar	58.13	58.36
Canadian Dollar	60.04	60.28
Malaysian Ringitt	17.54	17.62
Australian Dollar	51.98	52.23

Source:Indian Bank

Rane Brake Lining Q2 net rises 20% on good demand

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Brake Lining Ltd. has posted an almost 20% increase in standalone net profit for the second quarter to ₹6.5 crore following strong demand across vehicle segments.

Income from operations grew by 15% to ₹141 crore, the maker of brake linings and disc pads said in a regulatory filing.

"Material-price inflation remained a challenge for RBL in the quarter," Rane Group Chairman L. Ganesh said.

"[The] management is working to mitigate higher material prices through various cost-reduction measures and partial recovery from customers."

UltraTech Q2 profit slides 42% to ₹756 cr. on costs, low demand

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

UltraTech Cement Ltd. reported a 42% slide in second-quarter consolidated net profit to ₹756 crore from the year-earlier period due to a rise in expenditure and lower demand for the building material.

"The second quarter is traditionally a weak one for the cement sector, with lower demand as construction activity slows down on account of the monsoons," Ultratech said in a filing.

"Demand was low during July and August, showing some sign of revival in September," it added. "Pick-up in retail demand was on the back of pent-up demand accumulation during the monsoons, pre-Diwali construction and repair work gaining momentum and pre-election tailwinds," the company said.

The firm reported consolidated net sales of ₹13,596 crore compared with ₹11,743 crore, a 16% increase. The company said energy cost increased 58% and raw material cost rose 18%. It achieved capacity utilisation of 76% (71%).

CG Power to add LT Motor capacity for ₹230 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd. (CG Power) has proposed to more than double the manufacturing capacity of Low-Tension Motor plants at Ahmednagar and Goa in a phased manner at an outlay of ₹230 crore, in anticipation of future demand.

Currently, CG Power has a capacity to manufacture 9.93 lakh LT Motors per annum. Post expansion, it would increase to 19.92 lakh units, the TII subsidiary said in a filing.

The firm's standalone net profit rose 66% to ₹178 crore in the second quarter on improved sales realisation. Sales grew by 17% to ₹1,588 crore.

'India to examine Russia oil price cap'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Hardeep Singh Puri

India said on Wednesday it will examine a proposal by Western nations to impose a price cap on Russian oil purchases, even as some local refiners have lined up Russian cargoes for delivery post December 5, when the cap is set to take effect.

The Group of Seven richest economies (G7) has been trying to enforce a price-capping mechanism on Russian oil exports by December 5, when European Union sanctions banning seaborne imports of Russian crude come into force.

"I think there is an exemption for Japan for Sakhalin, then there is crude which comes through the pipeline, so they have exemptions... we will have to look at it," said Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, when asked if India would follow the price cap.

'India fast emerging as Web3 ecosystem'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India has a rapidly growing Web3 ecosystem with more than 450 active start-ups, which cumulatively raised $1.3 billion in funding till April, Nassom said.

While global response to Web3 was still shaping up, India's growing economy, demographic dividend and exponential adoption of emerging technologies across sectors, positioned the country to become one of the highest growth markets for Web3 globally.

The study was released by Nasscom and VC firm Hashed Emergent.

Web3, a new iteration of the World Wide Web, incorporates concepts such as blockchain technologies and metaverse.

In the last two years, Indian Web3 start-ups have grown to a 450-plus community with four unicorns.

In fiscal 2022 alone, India registered more than 170 new Web3 start-ups, yielding more than 50% CAGR growth since 2015, according to the report.

In terms of distribution, more than 80% of the Web3 start-ups were in tier I cities. However, the tier II/III ecosystem was growing rapidly with locations such as Jaipur and Vadodara evolving as emerging hubs for Web3 start-ups.

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Need to comprehend: A float with a giant portrait of China's President Xi Jinping passes by Tiananmen Square during the National Day parade in Beijing in 2019. AFP

Reading and understanding China in all its complexity and wonder

Through history, geography, culture and a study of its policies, domestic and foreign, writers, experts and academics explain why it is imperative for India to know its neighbour better. Only through such engagement will one realise why the country functions the way it does

Uday Balakrishnan

With memories of 1962 still fresh in Indian minds, President Xi Jinping's statement, made at the on-going 20th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, that China needs to be able to "stage military operations readily, create a secure environment, deter and control risks and conflicts, and win regional wars," is ominous for we have little idea of what China will do.

Our public understanding of China is woefully inadequate. What little we know of our giant neighbour comes from books, mostly written by retired diplomats. These reinforce Indian perceptions of China as a difficult country to deal with. Several recent books have tried to lift the curtain to provide a better understanding of China's domestic and foreign policies. Think Nirupama Rao's, a former Indian ambassador to China, *The Fractured Himalaya: India Tibet China 1949-1962*, Natwar Singh's *My China Diary 1956-88*, A.S. Bhasin's *Nehru, Tibet and China* or Vijay Gokhale's *Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest*. Also add to the list Ananth Krishnan's 2020 book, *India's China Challenge: A Journey Through China's Rise and What it Means for India*. Krishnan's appreciation of China's history enhanced by his travels through China and interactions with, and interviews of many Chinese, including dissidents, gives us a balanced account of a proud, deeply troubled and insecure country, with its people, for all their material prosperity, enduring unremitting surveillance and control by the Chinese state.

Deeper accounts

For even deeper accounts of China, however, we need to turn westward. The West, unlike India, has engaged with China for decades. Despite all their rivalry, over the last four decades, Chinese students have been studying in the best universities in America, Europe and Australia in the thousands. In many of these universities, they constitute the largest foreign presence. Similarly, several fine Western schools and universities are present in China where western journalists and experts, fluent in Mandarin, have studied China over the decades. Their works are the most authoritative we can lay our hands on. The latest by Hong Kong based academic Frank Dikötter, the acclaimed author of *Mao's Great Famine: The History of China's Most Devastating Catastrophe 1958-62*, is one such.

His tightly written new book, *China after Mao: The Rise of a Superpower* (September 2022), is being widely praised for its depth of research based on data and archival material no longer available to researchers. Dikötter's book brings out how poorly China is managed economically, how fraught its rise is and how compromised its long-term stability has become, not least due to the actions of a strengthened President Xi Jinping, the "Chairman of Everything."

China's rise to superpower status, next only to the U.S., however, is real. Dikötter's account therefore needs to be read along with Mark Leonard's 2008 book, *What Does China Think?* and another by the Chinese-American economist, Yukon Huang's *Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom Is Wrong* (2017).

Both Leonard and Huang highlight what Dikötter underplays: the fact that China, however inadequately, does think things through and that its spectacular economic success – perhaps one of the greatest in human history – was the outcome of well-thought-out policy measures.

Bleak prospects

It is possible that China's economic transformation may be running out of steam. Its management of the COVID-19 pandemic has been draconian and its population is in decline exacerbated by its long-running one-child policy. Another major failure appears to be an opaque state-controlled economy which, among other things, has led to the dramatic collapse of its real estate sector, with just one builder, Evergrande, running up a debt of $300 billion.

The long-term economic prospect of China is indeed bad but not so much because of its overleveraged building sector. China's economic policies have led to a huge and unbridgeable rural urban divide leaving over 600 million Chinese impoverished and insecure and mostly out of sight. The Stanford University developmental economist, Scott Rozelle, who has spent decades researching in China, brings this out in considerable detail in his book (co-authored with Natalie Hell), *Invisible China: How the Urban-Rural Divide Threatens China's Rise*. According to Rozelle, China's long-term prospects are bleak, chiefly because most of its population, contrary to popular perception, "does not have the skills to move up the supply chain," with 70% of its labour force unskilled and unfit for anything more than manual labour.

With so many books on China coming out with such frequency, anyone interested in the country will do well to start off with the renowned historian Michael Wood's wonderfully illuminating and entertaining book, *The Story of China: A Portrait of A Civilisation and Its People*, revealing China, warts and all, while unhesitatingly highlighting western and Japanese depredations of the country through the 19th and 20th centuries, a period the Chinese bitterly recall as their "century of humiliation."

Through this book, written for a popular audience, we can better understand why the Chinese behave the way they do, and read other writers to further an understanding of a country Indians need to know much better and engage more broadly with, as the West does.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

With the T20 World Cup 2022 underway in Australia, here's a quiz on cricket in Indian entertainment/cinema

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Starring Emraan Hashmi, this 2016 movie is based on the life of a former cricketer and Member of Parliament whose career was rife with accusations of match-fixing. Identify the movie.

QUESTION 2
Bhura, Mukhiyaji, Bhuvan, Guran and Ismail are members of which fictional cricket team?

QUESTION 3
This movie is an adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's novel *The 3 Mistakes of My Life*. Name the movie, whose title is a Gujarati phrase meaning 'I have cut'.

QUESTION 4
Iqbal is a 2005 sports drama flick written and directed by Nagesh Kukunoor. Starring Naseeruddin Shah, Shreyas Talpade and Girish Karnad, the film features two languages prominently. One is Hindi, name the other.

QUESTION 5
Both the protagonist and the lead actor of this 2016 biopic are originally from the same region of India. While the actor hailed from Patna, Bihar, the protagonist hails from Ranchi in erstwhile Bihar (now Jharkhand). Name the movie and the late actor.

QUESTION 6
Released in 2022, this biographical sports drama is based on the life of a former Test and ODI captain of the Indian women's national cricket team. Name the movie and the protagonist.

Visual question:
Depicted here are former cricketers K. Srikkanth and Kapil Dev attending the promotional event for which movie chronicling a feat they achieved? FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This person wrote the first book about Jean-Paul Sartre's work. **Ans: Iris Murdoch**
2. This author's book captures the author's life in Aymanam. **Ans: Arundhati Roy**
3. This author's Booker winning book touches upon the relationship between politics and homosexuality. **Ans: Alan Hollinghurst's *The Line of Beauty***
4. This author's novel revolves around two survivors of a shipwreck, a 16-year-old boy and a tiger. **Ans: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel**
5. This Nobel Laureate was nominated four times for the Booker Prize before he finally won. **Ans: Kazuo Ishiguro**
Visual: This image is from the film adapted from this book. **Ans: *Midnight's Children* by Salman Rushdie**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir"
"Good morning."
"What is the difference between 'terrible' and 'terrific', sir?"
"Both mean 'causing terror', 'dreadful'.
It was a terrible accident. It was a terrific accident.
Even though dictionaries say that both the words are used in this sense, 'terrific' these days is most frequently used colloquially in the sense of 'very great', 'extreme', 'excellent', 'magnificent', 'fine', 'splendid'.
'It was a terrific movie' means that it was an excellent movie. 'Her performance was terrific' means that her performance was splendid. A terrible performance is an awful or dreadful performance. The word 'terrible' when used colloquially means 'very bad'.
He is a terrible speaker.
He is a terrible teacher.
I am terrible at spelling.
The coffee was terrible.
So always remember that 'terrific' when used colloquially has very good connotations, but 'terrible' has only bad connotations. You may wonder why 'terrific' which is related to 'terrible' is so different from 'terrible'. You find such pairs in every language. Again, if you take the word 'awful', the dictionary gives two meanings. One is 'inspiring awe', 'solemnly impressive'. In this sense the word is hardly ever used these days. It is almost always used in its colloquial sense 'notable (especially for badness) in its kind'.
He is an awful player.
It was an awful accident.
The weather has been awful.
'Awful' has only bad connotations. 'Awfully' means 'extremely'. A thing can be awfully good or awfully bad.
He was awfully good.
He was awfully rude.
The movie was awfully nice.
I am awfully sorry.
Thanks awfully".
"What is the meaning of 'He is shilly-shallying', sir?"
"It means he is vacillating. When a person is undecided about whether he should or should not do something, he keeps on asking himself 'shall I, shall I?. The first 'shall' of 'shall I' became 'shill' with the passage of time and 'shill I, shall I' has become 'shilly-shally' in modern English. So, a person who shilly-shallies is a person who keeps on asking 'shall I, shall I?'. A shilly-shallier is a person who wavers, who vacillates, who is undecided.
He shilly-shallied for long before taking the decision.
I hate shilly-shallying.
Let's stop here for the day. Goodbye."
"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Salubrious:
promoting health

Synonyms:
healthy

Usage:
Take a break. The salubrious mountain air and water will be good for you

Pronunciation: bit.ly/salubriouspro

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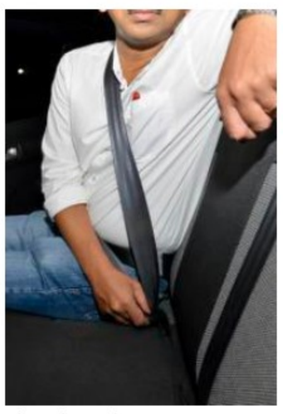
Passengers in rear seats must wear belts

Violators to be fined ₹1,000; rule being enforced under Section 194B of Motor Vehicles Act; MoRTH order issued following death of Cyrus Mistry

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood on Tuesday directed all commissionerates and traffic department heads and superintendents of police of all the districts to enforce compulsory wearing of seat belt for all the passengers of motor vehicles with not more than eight seats, with an enhanced fine of ₹1,000.

Quoting a recent order of the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (RT 11036/15/2022) dated September 19, 2022, Commissioner of Traffic and Road Safety, R. Hitendra, said as per Section 194B of the Motor Vehicles Act, whoever drives a motor vehicle without wearing a seat belt or carries passengers not wearing safety belts shall be punished with a fine of ₹1,000.



The rule applies to motor vehicles with not more than eight seats. FILE PHOTO

The MoRTH order was issued following the death of former chairman of Tata Sons Cyrus Mistry in a high-speed car crash in Palghar in Maharashtra. Mr. Mistry was in the backseat and wasn't wearing a seat belt.

Whoever drives a vehicle without wearing a seat belt or carries passengers not wearing safety belts shall be punished with a fine

The city traffic police, however, said that they have already enforced mandatory seat belts for passengers since the rule was updated in September this year. "We have been slapping a fine of ₹500 for first time violators, and ₹1,000 for repeat offences. However, now first-time offences will also be fined ₹1,000," a senior city traffic police official said.

KSFIC official convicted in PMLA case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Court convicted B.C. Shanthakumar, Assistant Manager, Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation Ltd. (KSFIC), and sentenced him to three years rigorous imprisonment in a money laundering case.

An FIR dated December 2009 was registered by Karnataka Lokayukta police, Hassan, under Prevention of Corruption Act, against Shanthakumar for accumulation of disproportionate assets to the tune of ₹84,42,067 which was found to be 122.79% more to his known sources of income.

Investigation revealed that Shanthakumar was actively and knowingly involved in the processes connected with proceeds of crime and a Provisional Attachment Order was issued against him, attaching his properties worth ₹60,41,243 in March 2014.

Dalit woman scholar from Karnataka appointed UNHRC Special Rapporteur

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

K.P. Ashwini, a Dalit scholar whose roots are in Kurabarahalli in Kolar district, has been appointed Special Rapporteur for United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC). She is the first Indian and Asian woman to be appointed to this post.

The Geneva-based 47-member UN human rights body has endorsed Dr. Ashwini's appointment.

An Ambedkarite and a PhD scholar from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ms. Ashwini is planning to address issues such as racism and casteism, now also increasingly on social media platforms.

K.P. Ashwini is a Dalit scholar from Kurabarahalli in Kolar district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"My basic mandate is racism, xenophobia, and issues related to various forms of intolerance. I will focus on apartheid, racism, region-based discrimination, Islamophobia, discrimination against the migrants, and so on. I will particularly focus on racism on Indian diaspora community in the U.S. and discrimination on migrants workers in West Asia," she said.

"Explicitly the issue of caste is not my mandate, but caste is keenly related to the racism. The caste system is strongly operating in the U.S. Indian diaspora. Race and caste are complementary. We can see caste based matrimony groups in the U.S. and the U.K., and caste-based violence. There is a separate Ravidas Gurudwara in the U.K.," she explained, adding that there is a strong need to address issues of gender-based racism and xenophobia.

"The racism faced by the African women is different from others. The struggles of the Muslim women is different. So, I am very much interested in looking at gender issues in racism," she said.

Social media platforms

In the present context, Ms. Ashwini is also keen to address the issues of how the social media is being used to spread and amplify hate. "Dalit women, African women, and Muslim women are often targets. Death and rape threats are normal. I plan to address these issues in UNHRC," Ms. Ashwini told *The Hindu*.

Drunk-driving accident: Techie convicted

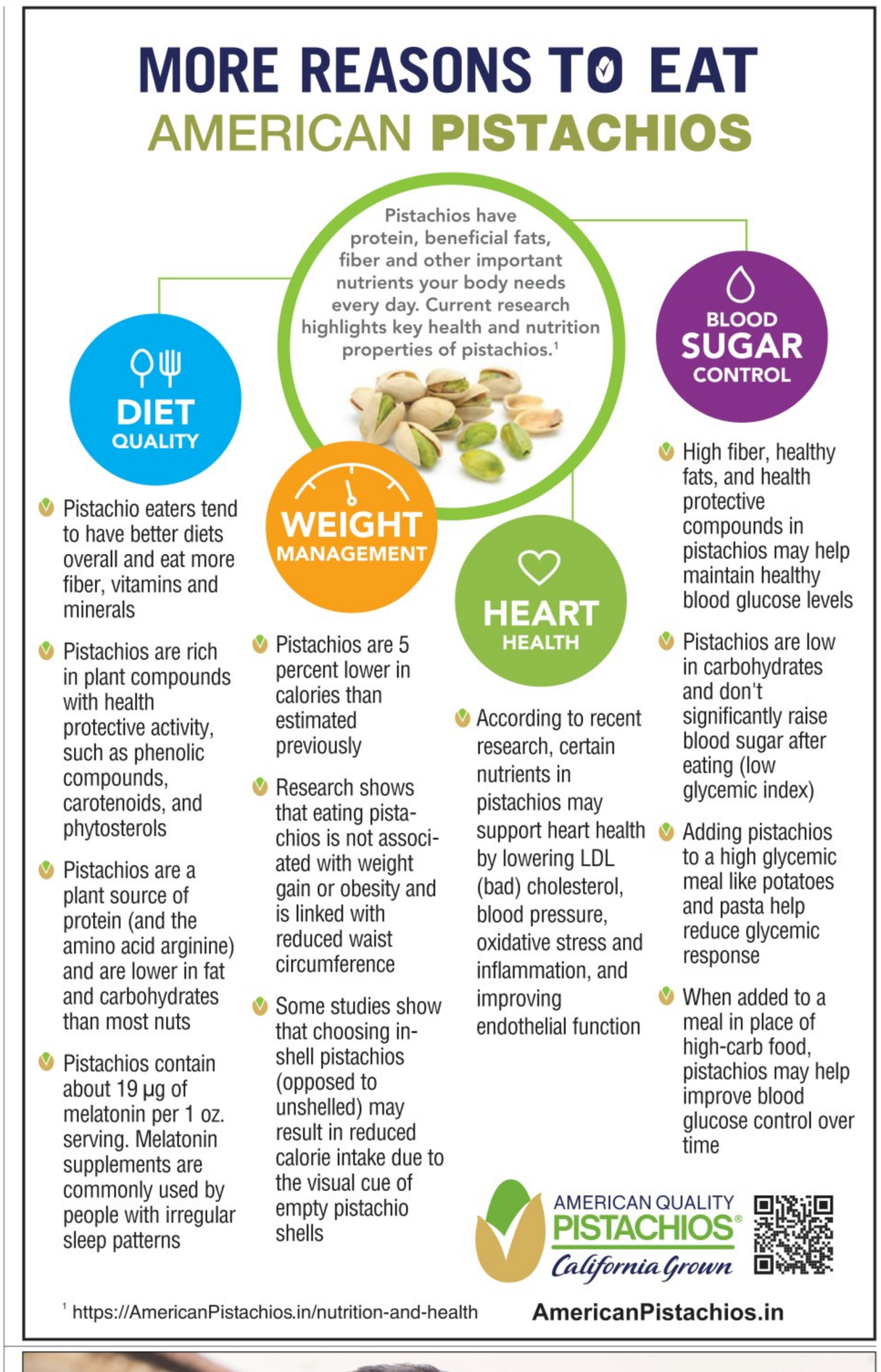
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The VI Additional District and session court convicted a 44-year-old software engineer who drove his SUV in an inebriated state killing a puncture repairman, injuring two others, and damaging four vehicles on December 28, 2017.

Five years and penalty

The court sentenced Kunal Kishore to undergo simple imprisonment of five years and fine of ₹2.5 lakh. Judge R. Ravindra directed the authorities to pay compensation of ₹2 lakh to the deceased family while ₹25,000 and ₹10,000 to the injured and the remaining amount to be confiscated to the State.

Kunal Kishore, a native of Bihar and working in the city as senior software engineer in an IT firm in Electronics City was driving to his apartment from a restaurant. He was under the influence of alcohol and lost control and ran over Dastagir, killing him on the spot. The accused also knocked down Jeevan Kumar, 29, and Rajiv, and damaged four vehicles. Electronics City police arrested the accused.



CRICKET

India's warm-up game against New Zealand washed out

India's final warm-up game against New Zealand was abandoned on Wednesday without a ball being bowled due to persistent rain in Brisbane. Both the Indian and New Zealand teams failed to hit the ground as heavens opened up during Pakistan's chase of 155 against Afghanistan at the same venue in the first practice match.

WBBL

Harmanpreet withdraws from Renegades due to back injury

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur was on Wednesday ruled out of the ongoing Women's Big Bash League due to a back injury according to her side Melbourne Renegades. Harmanpreet, the reigning WBBL player of the tournament had missed the opening two matches due to international commitments as she led India to the Asia Cup title.

FOOTBALL

Injured Kante to miss Qatar WC, sidelined for four months

France international N'Golo Kante has been ruled out of the World Cup finals after undergoing an operation on a hamstring injury, his Premier League club Chelsea said on Tuesday. The midfielder, who played a pivotal role in *Les Bleus*' winning campaign in 2018, has now been ruled out for four months after the surgery.

KABADDI

Ranjit shows the way as Giants beat Yoddhas; Bulls tame Thalaivas

Captain Chandran Ranjit led from the front with 20 points as Gujarat Giants defeated UP Yoddhas 51-45 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Ranjit received able support from raider Rakesh, who racked up 16 points. In the second match of the day, Bengaluru Bulls cruised past Tamil Thalaivas 45-28.

Joseph breathes fire as Windies stay in the hunt

The pacer picks up four wickets while Holder chips in with three to help the two-time champion pull off a 31-run victory; Campher-Dockrell duo does the star turn as Ireland stuns Scotland

The final nail: Jongwe's stumps shattered by a beauty from Joseph, putting an end to Zimbabwe's hopes. AFP

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
HOBART

A fiery four-wicket spell from pace bowler Alzarri Joseph helped two-time champion West Indies storm past Zimbabwe by 31 runs to keep its T20 World Cup dreams alive on Wednesday.

After being shocked by Scotland in its opening match on Monday, it had no margin for error if it wanted to stay in the hunt for a place in the Super 12 stage. West Indies accomplished the feat with 10 balls to spare, dismissing Zimbabwe for 122 after setting it 154 to win.

The dangerous Joseph was instrumental, taking four for 16, while Jason Holder chipped in with three for 12. The victory means it meets Ireland on Friday with the winner going through to the next round when the big guns join the tournament, while Zimbabwe faces Scotland in a winner-takes-all contest.

Century stand

Meanwhile, Ireland pulled off a stunning six-wicket upset of Scotland, with George Dockrell and Curtis Campher starring in a 119-run partnership after the team was down for the count.

In perfect conditions at Bellerive Oval in Hobart, the Scots powered to 176 for five – the tournament's highest score so far on the back of 86 from Michael Jones – and then reduced the Irish to 65 for four after 10 overs.

But Campher (69 off 32 balls) and Dockrell (39 off 27) came to the crease and unleashed some fireworks to steer the team home against the odds, with an over to spare.

The story so far

GROUP A	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Netherlands	2	2	0	4	0.149
Namibia	2	1	1	2	1.277
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	2	0.600
UAE	2	0	2	0	-2.028

Oct. 20: Netherlands vs. Sri Lanka | **Oct. 20:** Namibia vs. UAE

GROUP B	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Scotland	2	1	1	2	0.759
Zimbabwe	2	1	1	2	0.000
West Indies	2	1	1	2	-0.275
Ireland	2	1	1	2	-0.468

Oct. 21: Ireland vs. West Indies | **Oct. 21:** Scotland vs. Zimbabwe

It was Ireland's first win of the tournament after crashing to Zimbabwe on Monday and leaves Group B wide open. It was also Ireland's highest successful chase at the World Cup.

The scores: West Indies 153/7 in 20 overs (Johnson Charles 45, Roymon Powell 28, Sikandar Raza 3/19) bt Zimbabwe 122 in 18.2 overs (Luke Jongwe 29, Wessly Madhevere 27, Alzarri Joseph 4/16, Jason Holder 3/12). **Toss:** WI. **Player-of-the-match:** Joseph.

Scotland 176/5 in 20 overs (Michael Jones 86, Richie Berrington 37, Matthew Cross 28, Curtis Campher 2/9) lost to Ireland 180/4 in 19 overs (Curtis Campher 72 n.o., George Dockrell 39 n.o.). **Toss:** Scotland. **Player-of-the-match:** Campher.

PCB says Shah's statement can split cricketing communities

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

A 'disappointed' Pakistan Cricket Board on Wednesday requested the Asian Cricket Council to convene an emergency meeting in the wake of BCCI secretary Jay Shah's statement that India won't travel to Pakistan for next year's Asia Cup.

In its first official response to Shah's statement that India would like to play the continental tournament at a neutral venue and not tour Pakistan, the PCB said "such statements can spilt the Asian and international cricket communities" and impact Pakistan's visit to India for the 2023 World Cup.

Shah, who made the statement after the BCCI AGM on Tuesday, also happens to be the ACC president.

"The overall impact of such statements have the potential to split the Asian and international cricketing communities, and can impact Pakistan's visit to India for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and future ICC Events in India in the 2024-2031 cycle.

"The PCB has to date not received any official communication or clarification from the ACC on the statement of the ACC President. As such, the PCB has now requested the Asian Cricket Council to convene an emergency meeting of its Board as soon as practically possible to discuss this important and sensitive matter," the PCB said.

Jay Shah. AFP

Pakistan has been allotted hosting rights for the Asia Cup which will be held ahead of the ODI World Cup in India in October-November.

The T20 Asia Cup held last month had to be shifted from Sri Lanka to the UAE amid the economic crisis in the island nation.

The 2018 Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in India, was moved to the UAE after the BCCI couldn't procure clearance from government security agencies to host Pakistan.

India and Pakistan only play each other in Asian and ICC events due to the political tension between the two countries. India last toured Pakistan in 2008, while Pakistan's last series in India was in 2012-13.

Shaili leaps to her first Natl. Open long jump gold

ATHLETICS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Teenaged Shaili Singh showed yet another glimpse of her brimming potential by winning her first National Open athletics gold with a leap of 6.41m in women's long jump at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Wednesday.

On the final day of the competition, the 18-year-old, who made waves by securing the long jump silver at the World Athletics U20 Championships in 2021, beat many a seasoned jumper, including L. Sruthilekshmi (silver, 6.22m) and Nayana James (bronze, 6.22m), both of whom are nearly a decade older.

Shaili, watched on by the legendary Anju Bobby George, and her coach Robert Bobby George, started with a tone-setting 6.25m jump. However, off the next four attempts, she couldn't get her approach right, at times timid and at times too eager in attacking the board. But on the final jump, it all came together and she soared to the gold.

The Uttar Pradesh athlete's best is 6.48m (Patiala, 2021), but the latest result was impressive, considering that Shaili had not competed much in the last 12 months after injuring her back and toe. She made her comeback only at the recently held National Games where she settled for silver (6.28m) behind Nayana. Wednesday was a sweet reversal.

Making waves: Uttar Pradesh's Shaili Singh beat many a seasoned jumper, including Sruthilekshmi and Nayana James. K. MURALI KUMAR

"I'm happy that I could jump past the 6.40m mark after a long gap," Shaili said. "When I came here, I wanted to improve my [season] best by one centimetre. But I'm very happy that I took it to 6.41m. This is my first Open Nationals and it's a big motivation to compete with seniors."

The results:
Men: 200m: G. Ragul Kumar (TN) 20.87s, 2. Rahul Ramesh Kadam (Mah) 20.97, 3. Abhin B. Devadiga (Kar) 21.05; **10,000m:** 1. Murli Kumar Gavit (Guj) 29:50.11, 2. Sawan Barwal (Ser) 29:52.15, 3. Mohan Saini (Ser) 29:59.80; **400m hurdles:** 1. T. Santhosh Kumar (Ser) 49.57, 2. K. Sathish (Ser) 50.85, 3. Jabir Madari Palliyalil (Ser) 50.94; **3000m steeplechase:** 1. Balkishan (Ser) 8:51.42, 2. Prince Raj Mishra (Sikkim) 8:52.15, 3. Rohit Verma (Har) 8:52.97; **Triple jump:** 1. A.B. Arun (Ser) 16.37m, 2. Mohammed Salahuddin (TN) 16.34, 3. Arpinder Singh (ONGC) 16.29; **Hammer:** 1. Nitesh Poonia (Raj) 65.95, 2. Harvendra Singh (UP) 64.28, 3. Niraj Kumar (Ser) 62.99; **35km walk:** 1. Ram Baboo (UP) 2:39:05.00s (NMR; OR: 2:46.31, Ram Baboo, 2021), 2. Eknath Sambhaji Turambekar (Rly) 2:41:58.00, 3. Chandan Singh (Ser) 2:44:24.00; **4x400m relay:** 1. Railways 3:06.77, 2. Services 3:07.30, 3. Karnataka 3:08.07.

Women: 200m: 1. Archana S. Suseendran (TN) 23.43s, 2. Srabani Nanda (Odi) 23.71, 3. Chandra Lekha Anandha (Rly) 23.84; **10,000m:** 1. Ankita (Rly) 34:39.05, 2. Pooja Harijan (Raj) 34:48.58, 3. Richa Bhadauriya (UP) 34:53.63; **400m hurdles:** 1. R. Vithya Ramraj (Rly) 56.97, 2. Sinchal Kaveramma (Kar) 58.84, 3. Veerpal Kaur (Pun) 59.00; **3000m steeplechase:** 1. Parul Chaudhary (Rly) 9:48.28, 2. Komal Chandrakant (Rly) 10:24.37, 3. Vaishnavi Vilasrao (Mah) 10:41.22; **Long jump:** 1. Shaili Singh (UP) 6.41m, 2. L. Sruthilekshmi (Ker) 6.22, 3. Nayana James (Ker) 6.22; **Hammer:** 1. K.M. Rachna (UP) 63.66, 2. Sarita R. Singh (Rly) 59.96, 3. Tanya Chaudhary (UP) 59.56m; **35km walk:** 1. Payal (UP) 3:04:48.00s (NMR; OR: 3:15:17.00, Ramandeep Kaur, 2021), 2. Ramandeep Kaur (Rly) 3:10:45.00, 3. Manju Rani (Pun) 3:17:02.00; **4x400m relay:** 1. Railways 3:36.72 (NMR; OR: 3:37.90, Railways, 2016), 2. Haryana 3:39.20, 3. Karnataka 3:39.56.

Best athletes: Men: Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ser, 1162 pts); **Women:** Jyothi Yarraji (Rly, 1174); **Team championships: Men:** Services (174 pts); **Women:** Railways (201); **Overall:** Railways (297).

Baladhaneshwar does it for Heat

In top form: Baladhaneshwar was in the thick of things. H. VIBHU

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

He was everywhere! Be it scoring baskets or grabbing rebounds, smart passing or stealing the ball, captain P. Baladhaneshwar was in the thick of things as Chennai Heat survived a first-half setback to defeat Bengaluru Kings 79-66 in the first Indian National Basketball League at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Wednesday.

Bengaluru, which had shocked Chandigarh Warriors on Tuesday, thrived in the rebounds as international Pratyanshu Tomar and captain Arvind Arumugam did a good job, thwarting many a Chennai attempt to help their side to a five-point lead midway through the first half.

But Chennai came roaring back in the third quarter. It kept Bengaluru at bay with a smart zone defence and a little later had two men marking Abhishek Gowda, who had produced a series of three-pointers against Chandigarh on Tuesday. And the 23-year-old Baladhaneshwar, a former youth India captain, and Lokeshwaran were on a free run, dodging through the defence smartly and scoring at will.

Chennai had a 14-point lead by the end of the third quarter and that stood the side in good stead in the end.

Kochi Tigers overcame a few jitters – it trailed 7-23 in the first quarter – before defeating Mumbai Tigers 70-57.

The home side moved to the top of the table with four wins from as many matches after the penultimate day's action.

The results: Chennai Heat 79 (P. Baladhaneshwar 31, Lokeshwaran 17, Muin Bek Hafeez 10) bt Bengaluru 66 (B.K. Anil Kumar 20, Pratyanshu Tomar 17, C.R. Abhishek Gowda 11). Kochi Tigers 70 (Lalrina Renthlei 18, Jishnu V. Nair 17, Sejin Mathew 12) bt Mumbai Titans 57 (Sahaj R. Patel 13). Chandigarh Warriors 81 (Gurbaz Singh Sandhu 23, Palpreet Singh Brar 20, Sahil 15, Lalit Pawdiya 11, Amarendra Nayak 10) bt Delhi Dribblers 67 (Mahipal Singh 18, Gaurav Chandel 17, Rishab Mathur 12, Piyush Meena 11).

Lakshya makes the second round; Saina exits

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ODENSE

Lakshya Sen made a winning start to his Denmark Open campaign by defeating Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka 21-16, 21-12 in the first round here on Wednesday.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated the South Korean duo of Kang Min-hyuk and Seo Seung Jae 21-15, 21-19 to make the next round in men's doubles.

However, Saina Nehwal crashed out of the women's singles competition after a 17-21, 21-19,11-21 loss to China's Zhang Yiman.

Karman shocks Anderson

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Karman Kaur Thandi beat the second seed Robin Anderson of USA 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the $60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Saguenay, Canada.

In the $159,360 Challenger in Busan, Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni reached the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Cheong-Eui Kim and Ji Hoon Son of Korea.

Other results:

53,120 Challenger, Coquimbo, Chile: First round: Sumit Nagal bt Daniel Altmaier (Ger) 6-2, 7-6(7).

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Past enforcement drives haven't stopped private operators from increasing bus fares this season

Operators say such drives are discriminatory; last season, Transport Department officials carried out drives across Karnataka and booked close to 1,000 cases, says Transport Commissioner T.H.M Kumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commuters boarding a private bus at Majestic. K. MURALI KUMAR

It appears that special drives carried out by officials of the Transport Department to check private operators charging exorbitant fares during festive seasons have made no impact in giving relief to the general public. This Deepavali festive season too, skyrocketing bus fares are burning holes in the purses of people for long distance travel. For example, the online booking sites show fares of over ₹2,000 for Bengaluru-Mangaluru bus travel, whereas over ₹3,500 charged for travel from Bengaluru to Hyderabad. For Bengaluru to Belagavi, the travellers are charging up to ₹3,400 per seat. For many other long distance routes, the fares are double the normal fares.

Transport Commissioner T.H.M Kumar claims that during the last festive season of Dasara, the transport department officials carried out drives across Karnataka booking close to 1,000 cases. "Our officials during the drive booked cases against errant operators for fleecing the passengers. We have been directing them to charge fares that are charged on normal days and not to hike the fares to exploit the situation. The enforcing staff had also booked cases against the operators for violating permit rules and others," he said.

The official claims that enforcement activities had its impact but passengers are not ready to buy the argument. A private company employee Shravan R. who tried to book a ticket to Mangaluru said, "Last week, I tried to book a ticket to my native place. The booking portal displayed a fare of ₹2,200 when I was looking for a particular bus operator. The fare shown was excluding tax. Operators charging exorbitant fares are becoming a routine every festive season. The officials claim to be taking action but it is nothing but a futile exercise."

Another traveller Praveen Kumar said, "To travel from Bengaluru to Hyderabad for sleeper coach, I used to pay close to ₹1,700 but now that fares have more than doubled. The authorities should fix a cap on increasing the fare during the fare instead of allowing the operators to fleece the passengers."

In their defence, the private operators maintain that Karnataka government is showing disparity and targeting only the private bus operators. "In a week, barring Friday and Sunday on rest of the days the buses are operated half empty. During the festive season, the operators go for hikes to meet the operational costs. The transport department that targets the private operators allows State-run corporations to charge flexible fares which allow them to charge more when the demand surges. But when the private operators do that they are being targeted. On the other hand, there are rules to initiate action against tourist and contract carriage operators on charging fares. Fare regulations applicable for stage carriage buses. When other sectors are allowed to dynamic pricing why the private bus operators are targeted?," private bus operator Nataraj Sharma asked.

When asked about private operators' demand to allow dynamic pricing, the transport commissioner said, "There are no rules to allow such pricing. Such pricing will go against the interest of the general public relying on buses to commute."

Railways to run special trains during Deepavali

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In view of the extra rush of passengers during Deepavali festival, South Western Railway has decided to run special trains to Hubballi, Belagavi and Shivamogga.

According to a release from South Western Railway, the following special trains will be put into service. Train No. 06271 Yeshwantpur-SSS Hubballi Superfast Special Express will leave Yeshwantpur at 2.30 p.m. on October 21 and reach SSS Hubballi at 9.50 p.m. on the same day.

Train No. 06505 Yeshwantpur-Belagavi Superfast Special Express will leave Yeshwantpur at 11.30 p.m. on October 21 and 22 and reach Belagavi at 9.25 a.m. on the next day. In the return direction, Train No. 06506 Belagavi-Yeshwantpur Superfast Special Express will leave Belagavi at 11.10 a.m. on October 22 and reach Yeshwantpur at 10 p.m. on the same day.

Train No. 06507 Yeshwantpur-Shivamogga Town one-way special express will leave Yeshwantpur at 10.30 a.m. on October 22 and reach Shivamogga Town at 3.30 p.m. on the same day. Train No. 07305 Belagavi-Yeshwantpur one-way superfast special express will leave Belagavi at 10 p.m. on October 26.

INBRIEF

Three-day international millet mela from January 20

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil on Wednesday said an international millet mela would be organised in Bengaluru for three days from January 20, 2023, following the declaration of International Year of Millets by the United Nations. With the aim to create awareness and increase production and consumption of millets, the United Nations, at the behest of the Government of India, declared 2023 the International Year Millets.

Panel inspects Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly Petition Committee on Wednesday undertook the inspection of progress of work at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. The committee, including Rajajinagar MLA S. Suresh Kumar, visited various blocks of the layout in the presence of site allottees, farmers, and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) officials.

From Page One

Recruitment scam: CID arrests 37 teachers

Efforts are on to track down others and they will be arrested soon, a senior police officer said.

The raid was carried out by 18 Dy.SPs and 14 inspectors along with other personnel. The Education Department, after an internal probe, had recently submitted a report to the CID, giving details of teachers who may have been appointed through malpractices. Based on the report, the CID formed special teams and conducted the raids. The scam came to light following a complaint filed at the Vidhana Soudha police station and Halasuru Gate police station here in August and September. Considering the ramification, the government handed over the case to the CID for a detailed probe.

Earlier, CID had arrested 22 people, including directors and former joint directors of Education Department, and 12 teachers who had secured jobs illegally and were serving for many years.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 20, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

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Rain hits festival sales, but earthen lamps hold ground

Namrata Baghchi
BENGALURU

Earthen lamps on sale at Pottery Town in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

It's festive spirit all over the city with Deepavali just around the corner. Major marketplaces are decked up with varieties of lamps (*hanathes*), lanterns, candles, and decorative items. However, incessant rain has put a dent on the sales. After a two-year break, lamp makers are expecting huge sales this time as the three-day festival gets nearer.

"This time, our expectations are high but market is slow due to heavy rain. Five to 10 customers arrive every day. This might increase by the weekend. We are happy to see people coming with a lot of enthusiasm to buy *hanathes*. After Deepavali, there are other associated festivals also due to which there will be bulk buying," said Jagadeshwari, lamp maker in pottery town.

The lamp makers have also observed that even as the market is flooded with Chinese lanterns and decorative items of other materials, there is still demand for earthen lamps. "People ask for handmade lamps because they give a different look and it is a tradition to decorate houses with them. Regularly, we make over 1,500 lamps and sell around a thousand. This time, we have coloured and designed lamps as the demand is high," said S. Chandra, potter.

Besides, new varieties of lamps have hit the markets this time. Designer lamp plates, water lamps, and floating candles, flower and swastika shaped lamps and lamps with Ganesha designs are favourites among buyers.

Anusha, a retail shop owner of lamps in Gandhi Bazaar, said: "According to customer demand, we have stocked handmade and Chinese lamps. We have to upgrade ourselves according to the trends. Both items are in demand, which is good."

Though the prices of lamps are relatively higher, customers are still shopping with zeal at the markets. "I purchase lamps to decorate my house and distribute as gifts. The prices are a little higher this time," said Anita Manjunath, a homemaker.

BBMP writes to govt. to terminate contract with company that runs Python pothole-filling machine

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has written to the Urban Development Department to terminate the contract for Python machine – a hot-mix pothole-filling technology vehicle, run by M/S American Road Technology and Solutions Pvt Ltd (ART&S), over deteriorating condition of roads and lack of progress.

The company has a contract to fill potholes on 182 km of roads in the city, including the road near Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar, where while negotiating a bad stretch of road Umadevi, 50, was killed in an accident on Monday. "The company is clearly responsible for maintaining that stretch of the road and if it did, the life of the woman could have been saved," said a senior civic official.

ART&S and BBMP has had a frosty relationship, as the company sued the civic body in the High Court, which in April 2022, directed BBMP to issue a work order for the company in 36 hours. The counsels of the company had alleged BBMP officials assaulted representatives of the company. BBMP issued two notices to the firm in September seeking explanation as to why pothole-filling work had stopped since August 16. The vehicle had broken down, sources said.

Mr. Giri Nath said BBMP was not against technology, but had issues with the performance of the firm.

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Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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Bad roads: Congress to stage protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress will take out a procession from Ananda Rao Circle to the Chief Minister's residence on October 21 to highlight the government's apathy towards filling potholes, KPCC working president Ramalinga Reddy said.

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Whereas, the above apartment is built on all that piece and parcel of the immovable properties in Survey No. 3B, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas of land and Survey No. 16A, measuring 2 Acres 12 Guntas of land and in all measuring 3 Acres 32 Guntas of land residentially converted vide Official Memorandums bearing

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(2) No. BDS:ALN:SR(S)192/2004-05, dated: 29/07/2004 and
(3) No. BDS:ALN:SR(S)193/2004-05, dated: 29/07/2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District. Both the above Survey Nos. land situated adjacent to each other of Ibblur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore within the jurisdiction of Bommanahalli City Municipal Council and Composite Khatha is assigned as No. 307/1 and bounded on the:-

East by : Property bearing Survey No. 16B
West by : Property bearing Survey No.8 and remaining portion of Survey No. 3
North by : Property bearing Survey No. 8
South by : 60 Feet Road and remaining portion of Survey No. 3.

Further, Owner has lost/ misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 20.12.2008 bearing Document No. BMH-1-05251/2008-09 of Book I and stored in CD No. BMHD362, Dated: 20/12/2008, registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore, and hereby inform to all that, if any Persons find the said document to return to the undersigned. Further, any Persons having any right, title and interest whatsoever over the said properties may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Ashvik Law Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors,
Office at No 24, First Floor, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Near to Lalbag Metro Station Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Mrs.Farhath Begum** W/o Mr.Asgar Jan, residing at No.5, Cavalcade Apartment, Benson Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru- 560 046.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing No.27 in the Layout known as "Down Town Park-II" formed in Sy.Nos.61/1 and 62 of Meenukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing Property No. 118/109/27, E-Khatha No.150200203100900147, measuring East to West 30.48 Mtrs and North to South 24.38 Mtrs, totally measuring 743.10 Sq.Mtrs and bounded on:

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mahadevi B Palled is legally wedded spouse of No 10490312A Rank LNK Name Shankarappa Rangappa Majjagi presently residing at Neeralakeri (Vill & Po), Bagalkot (Teh & Dist), Karnataka-587111, that have declared to changed my name from Mahadevi B Palled to Mahadevi Shankarappa Majjagi vide affidavit dated 23 Sep 2022 before me Sivakumara M N, Bangalore.

I, Padmakumar Pt R/o No.39, Kempegowda Layout, Kattiganahalli,Yelahanka, B'lore 560064 have changed my minor daughter name from Adhena to Adhena Padmakumar for all purposes.

THANKSGIVING

ST JUDE Thanks for listening to my prayers. Please Bless always. Dilna

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SUBORDINATE JUDGE NO.1 CUDDALORE. TAMIL NADU

I.A.No. 117/2021 in O.S.No.20 /2010

D. Gandhi @ Gandhimathi & 2 others .. Petitioners/ plaintiffs
-Vs-
Ramamoorthy & 7 others .. Respondents / Defendants

Notice To 8th Respondent

Karthik,
S/o. M.M. Perumal,
Sadaramangala,
Kadukodi post,
Bangalore-560 067.

Whereas, the above petitioners filed the above I.A.No.117/2021 for passing a Final Decree for their 1/6th share in the suit (No.20/2010) property as per the terms and condition of the preliminary decree passed in the suit, the case is posted on 9.11.2022 for your appearance, you are hereby informed to appear on that date at 10.00 A.M., before this Court in person or through an advocate to file your objections if any, failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

T. MURUGAN, M.Com., B.L.,
Advocate for Petitioners,
Cuddalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAZLAH Taylor R/at No.381, Andalucia, Koramangala 3rd Block, Sarjapur Main Road, 1st Cross, Agara, Bangalore-560034, have changed my name to Nazlah Salam vide affidavit dated 15-10-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, MEHBOOB SAKINA, R/at No. 42, Ferns Residency, Bang 77 have changed my name from MEHBOOB SAKINA NAJEEB to MEHBOOB SAKINA, vide affidavit dated 17/10/2022, before Notary Seshagiri.B.

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INBRIEF

Bhanwala scripts history, wins bronze at U-23 Worlds

Sajan Bhanwala became the first Indian Greco Roman wrestler to win a medal at the under-23 World Championship at Pontevedra (Spain), when he edged past Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi on 'criteria' to emerge winner in the bronze playoff. It was the Ukrainian who pulled off a four-pointer on the edge of the circle for a solid start but Bhanwala bounced back immediately with a strong move that got him into a position from where he could pin his rival. Though he could not pin his rival, it was good enough to earn four points. Bhanwala lost two more points and got into defensive mode. Bhanwala put on 'Par Terre' position and the Ukrainian pulled off another four-pointer from the ground position for a handsome 10-4 lead. Bhanwala scored two points with a take-down move and with 35 seconds left in the bout, managed to push his rival on the back to level the scores. The bout ended at 10-10 but since the Indian had scored the last point he was declared winner on criteria. In the 60kg category, Sumit got back to medal reckoning when he made the repechage round.

Inglis suffers freak golf injury days before T20 World Cup

Back-up wicketkeeper Josh Inglis cut his hand while playing golf, Cricket Australia (CA) said on Wednesday, three days before the host starts its T20 World Cup defence. The 27-year-old reportedly required hospital treatment for what was a bad and bloody cut. "Josh Inglis has suffered a cut to his right hand after a club snapped in his hand while playing golf," Cricket Australia said. "He is being assessed."

Warriors thump Lakers in opener, Celtics sink Sixers

Stephen Curry scored 33 points as the Golden State Warriors launched the defence of its NBA crown with a season-opening 123-109 rout of the Los Angeles Lakers at home in San Francisco on Tuesday. After being presented with diamond-encrusted rings and watching the championship banner being hoisted, the Warriors put on a dazzling performance to overpower LeBron James and the new-look Lakers. In Tuesday's other opening-night game, Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown scored 35 points each as the Boston Celtics brushed off its pre-season woes with a 126-117 home win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

THURSDAY'S SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY MATCHES

Group A (Rajkot): Madhya Pradesh vs. Vidarbha, Mumbai vs. Railways, Assam vs. Rajasthan, Mizoram vs. Uttarakhand.
Group B (Jaipur): Puducherry vs. Punjab, Delhi vs. Goa, Manipur vs. Tripura, Hyderabad vs. Uttar Pradesh.
Group C (Mohali): Jammu & Kashmir vs. Kerala, Karnataka vs. Services, Haryana vs. Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh vs. Meghalaya.
Group D (Indore): Bihar vs. Saurashtra, Andhra Pradesh vs. Gujarat, Baroda vs. Himachal Pradesh.
Group E (Lucknow): Bengal vs. Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh vs. Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand vs. Odisha.

LIVE TELECAST

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: (first-round): Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 p.m. onwards
ISL: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
La Liga: : Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), & Hotstar, 12 a.m. (Friday)

Rudrankksh will stick to the process for Paris glory

The 18-year-old marksman reveals that Bindra and Narang provide technical inputs and are in regular touch with him and provide guidance

SHOOTING

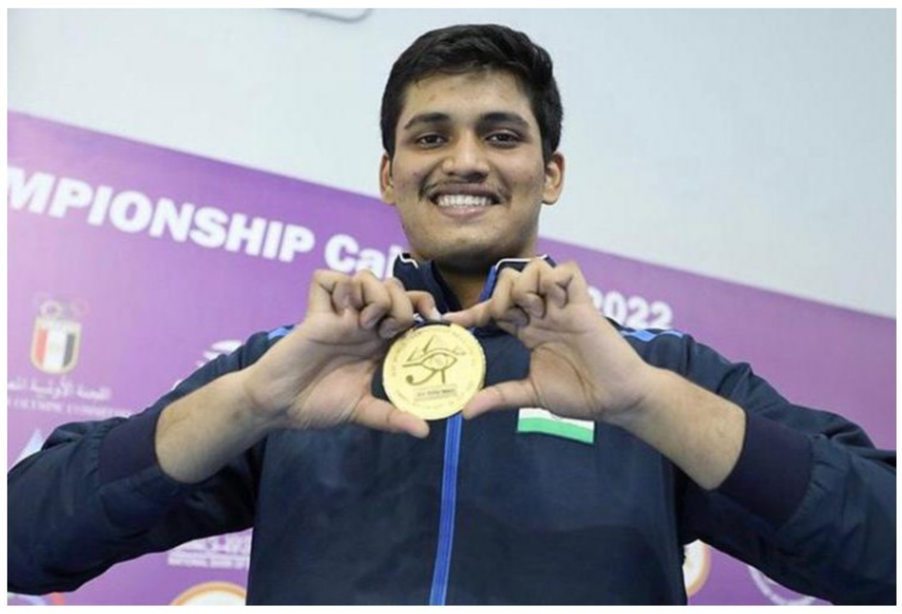
Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Rudrankksh Patil, World Champion in air rifle, who shot a world record 633.9 to lay a strong foundation for the Olympic quota, is only 18, but is rich with experience.

Fielding questions from the media with ease and answering with clarity in an interaction organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Wednesday, Rudrankksh explained how he had "huge hunger" and peaked at the right time for the gold in World Championship after having placed seventh and 11th in the two World Cups in Baku and Cairo earlier in the season.

Rudrankksh also gave an insight into the support from World and Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra apart from his mentor at the Gun For Glory Academy, the much-accomplished Gagan Narang.

"I am in contact with both and they guide me well. They give me technical advice. Win or lose, learn from the experience is their main advice," he said.



Golden mission: Rudrankksh, the World champion in air rifle, will look to fire on all cylinders in Paris. ISSF

Thankful for the best support from TOPS and the build up towards it after he won the Khelo India Games in Assam in 2020, Rundrankksh said that he was tuning his technique and approach by training with Heinz Reinkemeir and Gaby Buehlmann in Germany.

The two husband-wife coaches had worked with Abhinav Bindra over the years.

Recalling that he broke through strongly in 2019, after finishing fourth in many competitions, Rudrankksh acknowledged the support by psychologist Dr. Anand Nadkarni in Mumbai in training the sub-conscious mind.

Giving credit to everyone and the calming influence of the coaches, Rudrankksh said that he was following a process that has helped him be the best and would continue to follow it for Paris Olympics.

Good camaraderie

Conceding that the Olympic quota belongs to the country and "the most deserving would go to the Paris Olympics in 2024", Rudrankksh pointed out that there was good camaraderie in the Indian team, and that he would prepare his best to aim for glory in Paris.

Ramita is junior world champion in air rifle

Sports Bureau

Ramita Jindal beat Shen Ying of China for the gold 16-12 in junior women's air rifle in the World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Wednesday.

Tied 12-12 in the gold match, Ramita shot 10.8 and 10.7 to secure the gold as the Chinese responded with 9.8 and 10.6. Ramita had topped the second stage of qualification after eventual bronze medallist Tilottama Sen had topped qualification with 633.4.

In the 50-metre free pistol, the Indian junior women, Divanshi, Varsha Singh and Tiyana Phogat, swept the three medals. Rhythm Sangwan won the silver in women's standard pistol event. In junior men's 50-metre free pistol, Abhinav Choudhary lost the gold 6-9 on the score of inner-10s after being tied on 546 with Song Seungho of Korea. Vijayveer Sidhu won the bronze in standard pistol with 574.

Sri Karthik Sabari Raj and Divyansh Singh Panwar made the junior men's air rifle final, but finished sixth and seventh respectively. Sabari Raj had shot 633.2 in qualification.

India continued to be second on the medals table with 10 gold, five silver and 10 bronze, behind China which had 20 gold, 14 silver and 9 bronze.

Ramita. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results: Air rifle: Junior women: 1. Ramita JIndal 16 (262.8) 629.6; 2. Shen Ying (Chn) 12 (262.4) 629.7; 3. Tilottama Sen 261.0 (633.4); 5. Nancy 206.9 (628.1); 9. Yukthi Rajendra 627.1. **25m rapid fire pistol: Junior mixed team:** 1. India-2 (Payal Khatri, Adarsh Singh) 17 (382) 567; 2. China (Feng Sixuan, Liu Yangpan) 9 (374) 571; 3. Inida (Tejaswani, Sameer Gulia) 16 (370) 560; 4. China-2 (Luo Zizhao, Wang Shiwen) 10 (354) 541. **25m standard pistol: Junior men:** 1, Pavlo Korostylov (Ukr) 582; 2. Christian Reitz (Ger) 575; 3. Vijayveer Sidhu 574; 16. Anish Bhanwala 566; 22. Vijay Kumar 562. **Women:** 1. Xiao Jiaruixuan (Chn) 575; 2. Rhythm Sangwan 573; 3. Chen Yan (Chn) 572. **50m free pistol: Junior men:** 1. Song Seungho (Kor) 546 (9x); 2. Abhinv Choudhary 546 (6x); 3. Lee Seungjun (Kor) 543. **Junior women:** 1. Divanshi 547; 2. Varsha Singh 539; 3. Tiyana Phogat 523; 4. Khushi Kapoor 521.

Agonising loss for Gukesh after Arjun and Vidit exit

CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

An error of judgement on the 155th move from D. Gukesh was enough for Richard Rapport to close out the four-game quarterfinal match 2.5-1.5 in the $150,000 Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament on Tuesday.

Let off the hook

Earlier, Arjun Erigaisi let Magnus Carlsen off the hook in their first game and the resultant draw proved a severe blow to the Indian's confidence.

In the two games that followed, Carlsen dominated Arjun for a 2.5-0.5 win, the score-line with which Jan-Krzysztof Duda ended Vidit Gujrathi's campaign.

In the only quarterfinal which did not feature an Indian, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov won the first game and drew the rest to knockout young Uzbek Nodirbek Abdusattorov 2.5-1.5.

In the semifinals, Duda faces Carlsen and Mamedyarov plays Rapport.

The Gukesh-Rapport battle appeared to have headed for the blitz tiebreak games until the Indian teenager's sense of danger let him down and he lost the fourth game in 167 moves.

It was Gukesh who drew first blood by winning the second game in 32 moves. Rapport bounced right back to take the third in 55 moves.

Carlsen's 136-move save in the first game was enough to break Arjun's confidence. Holding a two-pawn advantage and looking good to win till the 75th move, Arjun faltered in execution as Carlsen's fabled tenacity came into play. In the next two games, it was Carlsen all the way.

The entry into the semifinals also meant that Carlsen had retained the Tour title, this time with an event to spare.

Frustrating draw

Vidit encountered a frustrating draw in the first game after 105 moves during which he could not take advantage of two extra pawns in an endgame involving a bishop each. In the second and third games, Vidit failed to seize the big moments and lost.

Chance for Indians to showcase their skillset

GOLF

Tvesa who posted seven top-10 finishes on the LET, will be watched with added interest

Rakesh Rao
GURUGRAM

In over three decades, nothing has served Indian golf better than a home-grown talent winning a dollar-event. In contrast to the men's sport, ladies golf has had a slow growth but promises to catch up fast.

Thanks to the exploits of Aditi Ashok, the rise in the number of Indian professionals and their increased participation on the Ladies European Tour, the growth is expected to quicker than what was anticipated a few seasons ago.

The $400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open is back after a Covid-forced break following the 2019 edition at the DLF Golf and Country Club here. Though there is no clear 'home' advantage for the 24 professionals and six amateurs here, the event offers Aditi, the 2016 winner, and others to showcase their improved skill-sets. Besides Aditi, Tvesa Malik who posted seven top-10 finishes on the LET, will be watched with added interest.

Competitive field

A very competitive field of 114 players, from 25 countries, includes eight players from the top-18 on the LET Order of Merit. Third-ranked Johanna Gustavsson, the favourite on form, is aware of the capabilities of Magdalena Simmermacher (5th), Meghan MacLaren (6th) and Anna Pelaez Trivino (7th).

In fact, the presence of five winners from this year's Tour – Meghan (Australian Classic), Ana Pelaez Trivino (Madrid Open), Tia Koivisto (Jabra Open), Anne-Charlotte Mora (Aaland 100 Open) and Johanna (a member of the Aramco Team Series New York) – forms the creamy layer.

Four former champions – Caroline Hedwall (2011), Aditi (2016), Camillie Chevalier (2018) and defending champion Christine Wolf (2019) – threaten to make things difficult for those title-aspirants who are in better form this season.

Falcao penalty snatches Rayo a draw at Atletico

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Former Atletico Madrid striker Radamel Falcao earned Rayo Vallecano a 1-1 draw against his old side in the *La Liga* with a 92nd minute penalty on Tuesday.

Alvaro Morata's first-half strike seemed poised to help Atletico strengthen its grip on third place and keep close to leaders Real Madrid and Barcelona, but Rayo snatched a deserved draw.

The results: La Liga: Sevilla 1 (Lamela 86) drew with Valencia 1 (Cavani 6); Getafe 2 (Alena 27, Munir 76) drew with Athletic Bilbao 2 (I Williams 2, R Garcia 62); Atletico Madrid 1 (Morata 20) drew with Rayo Vallecano 1 (Falcao 90+2-pen).

Premier League: Brighton 0 drew with Nottingham Forest 0; Crystal Palace 2 (Eze 47, Zaha 70) bt Wolves 1 (Adama Traore 31).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Entries for Bengaluru midnight marathon

Entries for the 15th edition of the Bengaluru midnight marathon, to be held on December 10, can be registered on *www.midnightmarathon.in*.

The marathon consists of eight events – Community Relay (5x500m), Fast 5K Run, 5K IT City Fun Run, Prime VP Fittest Startup Challenge Relay (4x5 km), Airbus Corporate Relay (4x5 km), Open 10K Run, Full Marathon and Half Marathon.

Farhan excels as Tumkur takes lead

Farhan Farroq's all-round effort (6/28 & 29) helped Tumkur Zone secure the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament encounter against Mangalore.

The scores: President's XI 150 in 50.3 overs (A. Siddharth 35, Agastya Akash Sahu 5/34, Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 4/61) drew with Vice President's XI 69/1 in 18 overs (Nishchinth Parmashwar 41 n.o.).

Raichur 175 in 64.3 overs (Sharavan Morkhandikar 44, Aniketh Reddy 40, Mohd. Mohib Jamadar 46, G. Punith Kumar 5/21) & 66 for no loss in 18 overs (Aniketh Reddy 39 n.o.) drew with Bangalore City XI 239 in 67.3 overs (B. Krithin 34, Arnavv Sharma 100).

Secretary's XI 182 in 85.1 overs (Rishabh Manoj Thakur 53, Akshath Prabhakar 41, V. Swayam Raje Urs 4/30) drew with Mysore 246/5 in 55 overs (J. Yashas 39, Roshan Raju 107 n.o., M.D. Ayush 60).

Mangalore 126 in 43.2 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 43, S. Gagan Rao 41, Eshan P. Baglody 26, Nigam S. Etagi 4/24, Farhan Farooq 6/28) & 42/4 in 17 overs (S. Gagan Rao 29) drew with Tumkur 170 in 60 overs (Naresh 27, T. Prem Kumar 45, A. Preetham 35, Farhan Farooq 29, Eshan P. Baglody 5/41).

Combined City XI 229 in 73.3 overs (A.B. Kushal Keshav 25, Aadesh URS 39, Vaibhav Sharma 30, Samyak Vellalore 34, P. Sri Bhagath 29, L. Rakshith 3/24, Dhruv Vasu 3/55) & 137/5 in 28 overs (Aadesh URS 80, Vishruth Uday Krishna 28, Dhruv Vasu 3/33) drew with Bangalore 185 in 50 overs (Krishav Somasundar 26, Samyam Vinay 27, Vivian Daniel Martis 32, M.C. Sathvik 3/41).

Pranav scores century

Pranav R. Babu top-scored with 100 as Young Challenging Cricketers registered a comprehensive 106-run win over Kapali CC in the KSCA Y.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy.

The scores: Johnson 78 in 23 overs (Nikhil 33, B. Samarth 4/26, Rohan Desai 3/3) lost to BEL Colony RC 79/9 in 29.3 overs (Ayush Ponna 27, S.H. Nagesh 5/19, Druvasagar 3/14).

Young Challenging Cricketers 247/6 in 50 overs (Pranav R. Babu 100, Abu Talib 42, Prajwal Maddi 25 n.o.) bt Kapali 141 in 34.1 overs (Albin Mathew Philip 58, Shabareesh 30, Anil Gouda Patil 3/31, Ronith Iyengar 3/16, Rajath Kini 3/48).

Silky Town, Channapatna 192 in 44.5 overs (M. Chandrashekar 46, Shah Mudassir 72, S. Syed Usaid 33, Jay Desai 3/38, Harmain Ahmed 4/40) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 184 in 38.5 overs (Gyan Somaiah 50, Harmain Ahmed 29, Abhilash 34, Rahul Bellad 40).

Lions 247/9 in 40 overs (Gautham R. Reddy 52, L.K. Gangaram 30, G. Vishwanath 57, Pradeep Kumar 3/65) bt Sparklers 246/9 in 40 overs (B. Vijay Prakash 49, Y.M. Bharath 38, Raunaq Kharbanda 80 n.o.).

City Cricketers 206 in 47 overs (S.P. Trilok 42, B.Y. Vinay Kumar 26, M. Akash 32 n.o., Pavan Yadav 3/34) lost to Canarese 207/7 in 34.3 overs (Visvesh 47, Vivek Joshi 27, Pavan Yadav 56, S.M. Harshal 4/37).

YMCA (1) 98 in 25.3 overs (S.V. Shiva Kumar 4/30, Sridhar 3/3) lost to Malleswaram SC 99/2 in 9.4 overs (Ananth Nadiger 66 n.o.).

Karnataka loses narrowly

Karnataka lost to Rajasthan by an agonising two-run margin in the quarterfinals of the BCCI Vinoo Mankad U-19 Trophy in Mangalapuram, Kerala.

The scores: Rajasthan 214 in 46.5 overs (Meet Bhavsar 27, Karan Singh 56, S.A. Yadav 43, Dheeraj J. Gowda 3/36) bt Karnataka 212 in 48.4 overs (Rohan M. Yareshimi 27, Vijayaraj 32, Yashovardhan Parantap 53, Mohsin Khan 44, Salaudeen 3/36).

Suryakumar retains second spot in T20I rankings

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

India's Suryakumar Yadav will enter the T20 World Cup as the second best batter in the format following an update of the ICC Men's Player Rankings issued on Wednesday.

Mohammad Rizwan (861 rating points) has extended his lead at the top of the T20I batter rankings after yet another consistent showing during the tri-series in New Zealand, while Suryakumar (838) is still second.

K.L. Rahul (13), Virat Kohli (15) and skipper Rohit Sharma (16) are all static in the latest update.

Hardik Pandya also remained static at sixth spot in the T20I all-rounder rankings with 173 rating points. Shakib Al Hasan is the top all-rounder.

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INBRIEF

Central compensation sought for arecanut farmers

A delegation of leaders from Shivamogga, including former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, met Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Thomar in New Delhi on Wednesday and appealed to him to provide compensation for the loss of arecanut production due to leaf spot disease. The delegation sought that compensation should be paid through National Disaster Relief Fund like compensation paid in agriculture, horticulture, sericulture and other perennial crops, Mr. Yediyurappa said. He also appealed to the Centre to depute a Central team to assess the situation in Karnataka and to recommend suitable remedial measures. Mr. Yediyurappa also requested the Centre to establish arecanut research institute to study the issues.

KASSIA to demand ₹500 cr. from GoK for sick MSMEs

Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), which represents around 600,000 MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) in the State, will approach the Basavaraj Bommai-led government to seek an MSME recovery fund of ₹500 crore. K.N. Narasimha Murthy, president, KASSIA, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday, "We will soon be demanding the government for a MSME recovery fund of ₹500 crore, although our actual fund requirement is much more." According to KASSIA's estimates, at least 15% of MSMEs in the State are currently sick and slow moving.

Kharge is second from State to head AICC

He is a staunch loyalist of the Nehru-Gandhi family and his non-controversial nature enabled him to reach top position in the party; it is widely believed that the veteran Congress leader is unlikely to cross the 'Laxman rekha' marked by three members of the Gandhi family

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi with newly elected party president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, his wife Radhabai Kharge, and son Priyank Kharge in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

After a gap of nearly 55 years, Congress leader from Karnataka M. Mallikarjun Kharge has been elected as president of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). He is occupying the coveted post with just a few months left for elections in his home State.

A staunch loyalist of the Nehru-Gandhi family and veteran leader, Mr. Kharge is the second politician from Karnataka to occupy the post after Lingayat leader the late S. Nijalingappa, who led the party in 1968-69. Mr. Kharge is also the second Dalit leader to hold the post after Jagjivan Ram (1970-1971).

'Gulbarga twins'

Mr. Kharge climbed the political ladder along with former Chief Minister N. Dharam Singh, who were famously called as "Gulbarga twins" in the Congress. Now, the sons of both leaders are the party's MLAs.

Unlike the then party president Nijalingappa, who belonged to the "syndicate" within the Congress and revolted against former Prime Minister the late Indira Gandhi in late 1960s, Mr. Kharge is sober by nature. He handled many critical issues in a dignified way.

Die-hard loyalist

It is widely believed that Mr. Khrage is unlikely to cross the 'Laxman rekha' marked by three members of the Gandhi family - Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, MPs, and AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

He has always been loyal to the Gandhi family since he entered politics 55 years ago. In fact, he named his sons Rahul and Priyank after the Gandhi siblings. He never embarrassed the Congress high command when he was denied the chief ministership after 2004 when Congress-JD(S) formed an alliance government headed by Dharam Singh.

Collective leadership

Mr. Kharge is a strong believer in the collective leadership of the party. On Sunday, he said, "I have no enemies. All workers and leaders of the party are my friends''. He would seek suggestions from Ms. Sonia Gandhi, and others for strengthening the party, he said.

Unlike his poll opponent Shashi Tharoor, Mr. Kharge came up from grassroot politics and held many positions in the governments in Karnataka and at the Centre as well as in the party.

Self-made man

Born on July 21, 1942, in a year of Quit India Movement, Mr. Kharge is a self-made man. He was able to win elections after elections since 1972 for nine consecutive times and two Lok Sabha elections largely owing to his loyalty, vast administrative experience and his ability to grasp and handle situations, say Congress leaders. Belonging to the Dalit community, Mr. Kharge has never worn his identity on his sleeve.

From humble beginnings in Waravatti village

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

From a half-burnt hut in Waravatti village on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border to the office of the All India Congress Committee on Akbar Road in New Delhi, Mapanna Mallikarjun Kharge has come a long way. And from organising headload workers in the MSK Mill in Kalaburagi to being the trouble-shooter that the party high command relies on during internal fights in various Pradesh Congress units, he has seen it all.

Mr. Kharge was an infant when his hut in Waravatti was burnt in a riot in 1947. His father Mapanna Kharge relocated to Kalaburagi, then Gulbarga, after his house was set afire in a riot. Mapanna worked as a labourer in MSK mill and strove hard to educate his children. Former national-level hockey player of the erstwhile Nizam government, Mr. Kharge suffered a knee injury that still haunts him.

Mr. Kharge is man who knows many languages and his accent is distinctly Dakhani. He has won fans for his adage-laced speeches in the Lok Sabha. In one of his recent remarks he had said, "Bakrid mein Bachenge to Muharram mein nachenge" to make the point that his primary focus now was to put the party in order to face the general elections and not worry about the Congress internal power struggles if the party came to power.

A Buddhist by inclination, he had said in 2008 during the inauguration of the renovated Buddha Vihara in Bengaluru in 2008, "I don't understand much of Buddhist philosophy. I only understand one thing. Buddha said that whatever you do comes back to you. If you do good things, good things will happen to you and if you do bad things, you will face the consequences. I have tried to live by this simple understanding of Buddha's ideas.''

CM: 'Misuse' of wakf properties by Congress will be probed

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the report submitted by former chairman of the State Minorities Commission Anwar Manippady, regarding the alleged misuse of Waqf property in the State, will be investigated soon.

He was addressing a gathering at the Jana Sankalpa Yatra in Mahagaon village of Kamalapur taluk on Wednesday.

'Vote bank politics'

Mr. Bommai alleged that thousands of acres of property belonging to the Wakf Board have been taken over by the Congress leaders all these years. "When they [Congress leaders] have grabbed the Waqf property in many places, including Kalaburagi and Bengaluru, then how can one expect the Congress to do justice to the minorities? The grand old party has just used the minorities for vote bank politics, but now even the minority will not support the Congress in the coming elections," he said.

Accusing Congress leaders for criticising the BJP-led government even when it announced allocation of ₹5,000 crore for Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), Mr. Bommai said that Congress leaders were not interested in the development of the region and the Congress and its leaders had "betrayed" the people of Kalyana Karnataka region.

On Kharge

The wave is in favour of BJP everywhere, Mr. Bommai said. Speaking on the election of Mallikarjun Kharge as AICC president, he said it was unfortunate he was occupying the place when the party was a "sinking ship."

JD(S) to kickstart Pancharatna Rathyatra from Mulbagal on Nov. 1

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

JD(S) leaders H.D. Kumaraswamy and C.M. Ibrahim at the inauguration of the party's two-day workshop in Mysuru on Wednesday. M.A. SRIRAM

The Janata Dal (Secular) will kickstart its Pancharatna Rathyatra from Mulbagal in Kolar district on November 1 to spread awareness about the welfare programmes it has chalked out for the State if elected to power in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Speaking to reporters before the start of its two-day workshop in Mysuru on Wednesday to rev up the party machinery and train the party's probable candidates in their approach to people ahead of the elections, former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said the Pancharatna Rathyatra will feature five tableaus each depicting the five welfare programmes - free education, free healthcare, initiatives for farmers, employment for a member of each family, and housing for all - besides one vehicle with a platform that will be used by him to address the people.

The yatra will have six corner meetings and three public meetings each day, besides the informal meetings with the public along its route. At the end of the day, the participants in the yatra will stay overnight in a village.

The yatra, which will be launched on Rajyothsava Day, will continue with breaks till February next year when the dates of the elections will be announced. A total of 126 Assembly constituencies will be covered during the course of the yatra, which will be held in four stages with recesses for State legislature sessions and other events.

The first stage of the Pancharatna Yatra, which starts from November 1, will continue till December 5 in Kolar, Chickballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagaram, Tumakuru, and Hassan districts.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public, that my client **Mr. Tulsaram** S/o. Urajaram, Aged about 44 years Residing at No. 43, Kilari Road, Bengaluru South Bangalore, Karnataka – 560053 is going to purchase the property mentioned herein from its owners **Sri. Shubham Jain, Smt. Anjana Nahar Jain** and **Miss. Shakshi Jain**, All are residing at No. 6, 72nd Cross, 5th Cross, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010. If any Person/Persons having any objection/s over the said sale transaction, please file their written objection to my below mentioned address **within 10 days** of this notice with documentary proof, failing which my clients shall proceed to purchase the same, any objection received after 10 days shall not be considered.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH,
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No. ME-3/PG-2022/ 2432 Lucknow : Dated 19 Oct., 2022

The Time Schedule of Second Round of Online Counseling of UP NEET PG-2022

The Time Schedule for the Admission through Online counselling in the State of Uttar pradesh for Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges/Institutions/Universities/Hospitals of Medical Health for Postgraduate courses (MD/MS/ Diploma/DNB/MDS) is as follows :-

Date of Online Registration & Registration Fee Submission	20th October, 2022 (From 2:00 PM) To 25th October, 2022
Date of Online Securtiy fee submission	20th October, 2022 (From 2:00 PM) To 27th October, 2022
Expected date of Declaration of Merit List	28th October, 2022
Date of Online Choice Filling	29th October, 2022 (From 04:00 PM) to 31th October 2022(Till 02:00 PM)
Declaration of result of seat allotment	01/02nd November, 2022
Date for downloading allotment letters and admission date	02nd November, 2022 to 05th November, 2022

- Candidates can apply online by visiting the website **https://upneet.gov.in**
- For registration candidate will use his/her NEET-PG roll no. and email ID (same that was used for registration in NEET PG-2022/ NEET MDS-2022) for login into the system and follow the instructions on the screen.
- To participate in the counseling of MD/MS/DIPLOMA courses and DNB, it will be mandatory to register separately and it will also mandatory to deposit separate security money.
- The candidates registered in the first round not required to register again.
- Fresh candidates can register by depositing Rs. 3,000/-.
- Registration fee Rs. 3000/(Three Thousands)- deposit via online mode is mandatory. Also deposit online security fee Rs. 30,000/- (Thirty Thousands)- for Govt. Medical/Dental Colleges, Rs. 2,00,000/- (Two Lac)- for Pvt. Medical Colleges & Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lac) for Pvt. Dental Colleges.
- The security amount of the unallotted candidates from the counseling of the first round has been returned to there account, so it is mandatory to deposit the security money again to participate in the second round of counseling.
- Candidates admitted from the first round of the counseling are not required to deposit the security amount again.
- The candidates admitted from the counseling of the first round are eligible for counseling of the second round.
- Candidates who have got allotment from the first round but the admission process has not been completed by them, they will be eligible for the counseling for the second round only after depositing the security amount again.
- Candidates who want to avail PwD reservation in PG seats of Govt. state medical institutions should obtain Disability certificate as per 21 Benchmark Disabilities given under RPWD Act, 2016 as per NMC norms, from the designated disability centres. The certificate issued by any other hospital/board will not be accepted.
- For further important and detailed information kindly visit the website: **https://upneet.gov.in** & **www.dgme.up.gov.in**

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Tender Call Notice No. IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-1801/04/2021/ 26690 dated : 17.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. Name of the Work : Up-gradation of Industrial Estate, Kalunga, Sundargarh, Odisha under Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) Scheme.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.423.51 lakh (Approx.)
3. Period of Completion : 06 (Six) Calendar Months.
4. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID /Tender Reference No. P&C/EST/E-83/2022-23	27.10.2022 at 17.00 Hrs.	10.11.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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KARNATAKA NEERAVRI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the, Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No.3 Sindhanur-584128.
No: KNNL/EE-3/TLBC/SND/TMR/Tender Notification/2022-23/949 Date: 03.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)
(Through e-procurement only)

Tender in electronic mode on Item Rate basis are invited from the eligible Contractors /firm/ company enlisted under KPWD Class-I contractors of Karnataka state who fulfill the given conditions, for the work of Improvements to asphalting roads. The tender shall be offered through e-procurement system only and will be in two cover system. Last date for submission of tender through electronic tender is Dt: 10.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM. The amount put to tender is Rs. 304.53 Lakhs and EMD Rs. 4,57,000.00.The tender conditions and other information can be obtained from this office during office hours or through website www.eprockarnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur-584128.

DIP/Raichur/369/MAC/2022-23

Zilla Panchayath Kolar
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Kolar - 563101
Ph.: 08152-222570, e-mail: eepredkolar1@gmail.com
No: 18/2022-23 Date: 10.10.2022

Two Cover System Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement KW-IV)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 item rate tenders were invited in two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-4 through e-Procurement from authorized PWD contractors registered in appropriate class for the work of Improvements Village roads of Mulbagal Constituency in Kolar District. Indent No: 91223, 91224 & 94526 Average Amount put to tender varies from Amount: **Rs.235.87 lakhs to 278.60 lakhs.** The contractor's are requested for participate in e-Tender through GOK website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Prebid meeting schedule date: **20.10.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** in the undersigned office. Last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through website from dt: **27.10.2022 to 15.11.2022 up to 4.00 pm** and date of opening of technical bids in e-portal on date: **16.11.2022 at 4.30 pm.** The eligible technically qualified contractors the date of opening of financial bids will be intimated. The notification can be obtained from the e-Procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. e-Procurement helpline No's for tender clarification with respect to uploading and downloading you can contact: +918046010000 & +91 8022631200, 080-22230960 and 22234115.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Kolar.

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News free of bias and fear must: Malini Parthasarathy

The Hindu Bureau
MANIPAL

Malini Parthasarathy, chairperson of THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd., delivering the 13th M.V. Kamath endowment lecture at the Manipal Institute of Communication on Wednesday. H.S. MANJUNATH

News media and journalists will retain public trust in journalism in the digital age by staying true to cardinal principles and telling the truth as transparently as possible, without bias and fear, Malini Parthasarathy, chairperson, The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt. Ltd., has said.

Delivering the 13th M.V. Kamath endowment lecture, organised by the Manipal Institute of Communication of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), on the topic 'Retaining public trust in journalism in the digital age', on Wednesday, she said, "By virtue of our wide reach to our audience in a democratic society, it is indeed our duty to hold public officials accountable while not being overly pessimistic about the pace of transformation...

"We should function with the latest tools of digital technology even as we engage intelligently with media platforms, ensuring our brands stay connected with our audiences online and offline..."

Ms. Parthasarathy said that it is a sad fact that, over the decades, while digital technology had become a way of life, public scepticism about news and media organisations was becoming more pronounced.

"...Legacy brands, including ours, need to reckon with this relentless reality of digital technology becoming the main disseminator of content for consumers and thereby creating a connect with the users, shaping news content to align with the preferences of these consumers...," she said.

The gap between the old modes of journalism and the new media platforms is also eroding public trust in the news industry, with social media appropriating the role of the arbiter of the trustworthiness and credibility of news content.

"Unlike in past decades, when star editors were able to fascinate their reading public with their analyses and punditry, and when readers were in thrall to editorialists offering judgement, savouring the news reports on every page of the newspaper, now we are faced with a young, aspirational, and globally minded audience that wants to be informed rather than educated..."

The challenge worldwide, and in India in particular, has been the increasingly stressful pressure on the media and the public discourse both by the authorities and political parties. Ms. Parthasarathy, also Director, Editorial Strategy, *The Hindu*, said that social media sites have become battlegrounds for contests between political parties, with the media becoming a hapless protagonist in these unsavoury propaganda wars, with their news content being used as cannon fodder for sparking new controversies. In the process of trying to take down the opposing political view, the media gets dragged into controversies, sometimes losing its sheen and gravitas.

"...Finally, does our rapidly changing media environment presage the fading away of traditional media and the ebbing of the glamour of journalism and journalists? The answer is a categorical 'No'."

Given the abundance of unregulated news content on platforms, the consumer looking for verified and factually correct information would still seek out credible sites of such information, she told the audience that included H.S. Ballal, Pro-Chancellor, MAHE; Narayan Sabhahit, Registrar, MAHE; and Padma Rani, Director, MIC.

HC pulls up company for 'compromising' national security

It declines to quash criminal case against Bengaluru firm; says nation's security is paramount and beyond vested interest of any business house

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to interfere with a criminal case against a company, which was supplying Radio Frequency Identification technology-based tamper-proof e-seals for containers used in exporting goods through ships, for allegedly compromising the national security by switching off the tampering alerts to hide faulty/tampered e-seals to protect its business interest.

Stating that action alleged against the company could have resulted in a catastrophic effect to the security of the nation, the court said, "Security could be economic, defence or even narcotic. What passes through the container, if not detected, can definitely pose a serious threat to any of these to the nation."

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Bengaluru-based ibTrack Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

"Such business houses generating vested interest of business cannot be permitted to 'sacrifice the interest of the nation', as the security of the nation and its interest, economic or otherwise, is paramount in comparison to any vested interest of any business house in the nation," the court observed.

The petitioner was supplying RFID-based anti-tamper bolt type e-seals by procuring it from Italy-based Leghorn Group for the containers as per the specification of the Central Board of Excise and Customs. The e-seals had a provision to send alerts to the Customs on detection of tampered seals at the time of electronic scanning at ports. However, an internal probe in 2018 revealed that several of the e-seals supplied by the company had tampering rate as high as 10% in a single day.

Blueprint for National Medical Oxygen Grid released

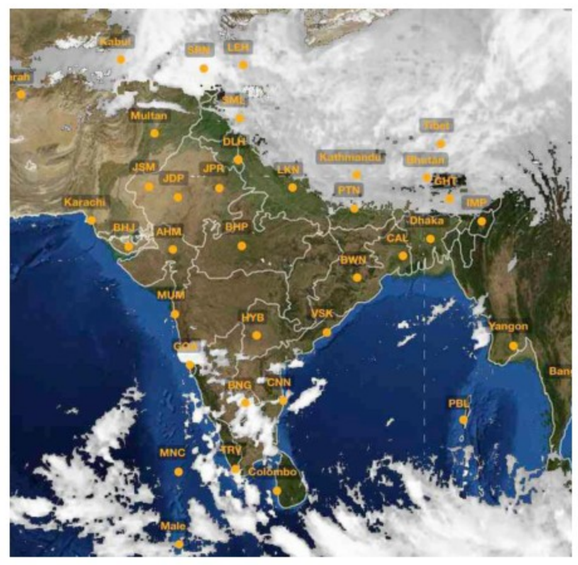
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Based on the lessons learnt from the oxygen crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure timely availability of medical oxygen across the country, the One Health Trust with support from USAID-RISE, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Swasth Alliance, has embarked on an effort to develop a National Medical Oxygen Grid (NMOG). A blueprint for NMOG was released by State Health Commissioner Randeep D. here on Wednesday.

According to the blueprint, lack of utilisation of medical oxygen meant that there was both lack of supply as well as lack of personnel trained to use medical oxygen. "It is vital to fix the problem and ensure that oxygen is widely available and used in the farthest corners of the country during normal times so that the country's infrastructure is ready for future crisis," the report stated.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.6	24.0	Kozhikode	2	32.6	24.3
Ahmedabad	—	36.0	19.5	Kurnool	—	32.2	24.8
Aizawl	4	—	17.6	Lucknow	—	31.7	20.2
Allahabad	—	33.6	19.5	Madurai	—	35.6	24.4
Bengaluru	29	30.0	19.4	Mangaluru	0.1	31.0	22.9
Bhopal	—	—	17.5	Mumbai	—	32.0	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.4	24.0	Mysuru	—	31.2	20.6
Chandigarh	—	32.9	18.9	New Delhi	—	34.6	17.0
Chennai	4.2	33.1	24.8	Patna	—	31.2	20.6
Coimbatore	—	33.0	22.2	Port Blair	12	28.4	23.2
Dehradun	—	29.2	15.7	Puducherry	9.6	33.0	23.3
Gangtok	—	20.6	12.2	Pune	7.4	32.3	21.0
Goa	—	32.4	24.4	Raipur	—	31.4	23.8
Guwahati	—	32.7	21.0	Ranchi	19	26.8	20.5
Hubballi	—	28.0	21.0	Shillong	—	23.6	12.5
Hyderabad	—	31.1	20.9	Shimla	—	20.3	10.6
Imphal	—	28.1	17.8	Srinagar	2	19.3	5.0
Jaipur	—	33.4	19.6	Thiruvananthapuram	2	30.7	23.7
Kochi	—	29.8	25.2	Tiruchi	4	33.1	24.4
Kohima	3	25.0	14.2	Vijayawada	14	32.2	23.4
Kolkata	—	30.0	26.0	Visakhapatnam	—	33.0	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.49	141	...5	...169	...195	
Bengaluru	...6	..26	.60	87	83	
Chennai	.18	..20	171	37	44	
Delhi	.16	..91	.44	...256	...317	
Hyderabad	.12	2	176	61	76	
Kolkata	.14	.46	.42	...103	...101	
Lucknow	.14	..90	.48	...204	...177	
Mumbai	.12	143	.53	30	94	
Pune	..—	.29	.64	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.27	..24	.29	93	99	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Faridabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 304 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

EDUCATION HUB

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Commemorating the diamond jubilee

Commemorating the diamond jubilee birth anniversary of their chairman Dr Prabhakar Kore, the Karnataka Lingayat Education (KLE) society shared their plans for further expansion in the arenas of healthcare, education and agriculture in a committee meeting on Wednesday in Belagavi. While commenting on the same, former MLC and society's board member Mahantesh Kavatagimath also enunciated the contributions of Kore. The meeting was also attended by MP Iranna Kadadi, MLAs Abhay Patil, Anil Benake, Mahantesh Dodagoudar and a few KLE office bearers.

The society plans to amplify its reach by constructing hospitals in Chikkodi, Bengaluru, Goa and Maharashtra. A medical college and teaching hospital are also being built in Hubballi. Meanwhile, an ayurvedic medical college accompanied by a 200-bed-hospital is also being set up in Chikkodi.

Augmenting their growth in the agricultural sector, the society plans to organise a huge Krishi Mela in Chikkodi and Belagavi next year, whilst also planning to venture into animal husbandry development and farmers' training projects.

Marking the 75th anniversary of Kore, a rally will be organized in Belagavi on October 15 which will be inaugurated by the union minister of education, Dharmendra Pradhan, and attended by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis and Congress leader R V Deshpande among the many. Continuing with the celebrations, a religious leaders conference will also be held in November under the leadership of Sri Naganur Mutt Swami. Alongside, Dr Kore will also be conducting a national-level cooperators' meet in Belagavi in January 2023, which shall be inaugurated by union minister of Home affairs, Amit Shah.

Ramaiah Institute of Technology

Ramaiah Institute of Technology organised the 4th edition of its International Conference on Recent Advances in Engineering Sciences (ICRAES - 2022) on October 13 and 14. The two-day conference hosted 8 plenary sessions and 188 paper presentations.

The sessions commenced with a technical extravaganza by Professor J N Reddy from O'Donnell Foundation, A&M University, Texas, followed by a talk on the Development of Titanium aluminides for high-temperature application in gas turbines by Dr Satyam Suwas from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

The conference saw an amalgamation of disciplines such as sustainability and biotechnology, with a discussion on microalgal bio-refineries to produce bioenergy and value-added sustainable products by Prof. Kaustab Mohanty, Professor and Head of the Chemical Engineering Department at IIT, Guwahati.

Professor Richard Gross, Constellation Chaired Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), New York, also focused on biotechnology by sharing his insights about integrating biocatalytic and chemical routes to develop next-generation biomaterials. While Manmohan R Kalgal's talk about the materials and methods for sustainable construction focused on sustainability.

Dr G C Shivakumar, Chief Engineer, Planning and Design of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, highlighted the recent trends in Indian transportation infrastructure, necessity of using novel materials and application of 3D to 7D Building Information Management (BIM) systems.

Exploring the history of science and technology, Prof. Sharada Srinivasan, from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru delivered a talk on archaeological materials. Dr Manoj Gupta, Head of the Materials Division of the Mechanical Engineering Department and Director designate of the Materials Science and Engineering Initiative at NUS, Singapore, concluded the conference by discussing improvement in the properties of lightweight magnesium-based materials using cryogenic treatment.

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME)

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME), in association with the Xavier Association of Management Institutes (XAMI), organised a seminar titled, HR: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, on October 15, 2022, at the J Philip Auditorium, XIME Bangalore campus.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, former vice chairman of Tata Steel Limited and chairman of XIME Chennai, B Muthuraman inaugurated the event. He was led by Prof. J Philip, founder-cum-chairman of XIME Bangalore, and was accompanied by Prof. T V Rao, former professor at IIM-Ahmedabad, along with Mr Chaitanya N Sreenivas, president of NHRD, Bangalore and Fr. Dr Roy Abraham, director of XIME Bangalore.

Sharing anecdotes from their personal lives, the speakers discussed the evolution of human resources and the importance of updating old techniques to make them relevant for current times. The speakers highlighted the role of technology in changing the face of the sector and the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI), terming it the future of HR.

The seminar was divided into four sessions namely, HR Yesterday, HR Today, HR Tomorrow and Technology Driven HR in the new era, and were chaired individually by Mr R R Nair, Ms Shanthi Naresh, Mr Raj Narayan and Dr Manoj Varghese. Hosting eminent personalities and HR scholars, the event was attended by over 120 HR professionals and students. The seminar concluded with a valedictory session which was attended by Dr P K Singh, Director of IIM Trichy, as the chief guest.

Kristu Jayanti College

The Department of Media Studies at Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous (KJC) organised the second edition of 'Vidwat Sammilan' on October 17. This year, the session emphasized the topic, Digital Media Literacy: The need of the hour. Being a connoisseur of the subject, Prof. K G Suresh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal was the resource person for the session.

The students were introduced to myriad facets of media literacy. Using various examples, Suresh debunked various fallacies related to media literacy and provided fresh insights on its current status. He also highlighted the role of Google in changing the history of media, whilst elaborating on concepts such as cyberbullying, cyber terrorism, the digital divide, digital immigrants and natives.

Concluding the session, Suresh addressed the questions from the students, which were majorly related to media ethics, media values, representation of certain communities in mainstream media and the significance of alternative media.

SIX researchers from KLE make it to the top

Six researchers of KLE Technological University of Hubballi -- Prof. Tejraj Aminabhavi, Dr. Nagaraj Shetti, Prof. Vinayak Gaitonde, Prof. Nagaraj Banapurmath, Dr. Mohanakrishna Gunda and Dr. Shweta Malode -- have been ranked among world's top 2% scientists in the 2021 list of outstanding researchers prepared by Elsevier BV, Netherlands, and Stanford University, USA.

Prof. Tejraj M. Aminabhavi and Dr. Nagaraj P. Shetti are receiving this recognition for the successive third year. This is the newest data-update for "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators."

Prof. Vinayak N. Gaitonde is working as Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, KLE Technological University, Hubballi. Prof. Gaitonde and is ranked among the top 2% of Scientists for career-long and single year impact. Prof. Nagaraj R. Banapurmath, working as Professor and head of Center for Materials Science, KLE Technological University, is also ranked among the top 2% of scientists for a single year impact.

Dr. Mohanakrishna Gunda, an Associate Professor from the School of Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University is ranked among the top 2% of Scientists for a single year impact. So is Dr. Shweta J. Malode, an Assistant Professor from the School of Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University.

Dr. Prabhakar Kore, Chairman, KLE Society and Board of Members, KLE Society, Dr. Ashok Shettar, Vice Chancellor, KLE Technological University, HOD's Faculty and Staff congratulated the team.

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Murders most foul

Kashmiri Pandits are deliberate targets for radicals to further their agenda

The dastardly murder of a Kashmiri Pandit farmer in Shopian in south Kashmir recently follows a series of attacks on the minority community in the Union Territory (UT), with at least six Pandits having been killed in targeted attacks by militants this year. Despite assurances on the community's protection, the recurring attacks have increased its sense of fear, with several families having fled the Valley earlier this year. At one level, these attacks reflect the desperation of radical elements in the separatist current in the Valley, who rely on such murders to create a fear psychosis, invite inevitable state repression in retaliation, and seek to exploit the discontent and disaffection from state actions. This is evident in the statement released online by the purported attackers who use the excuse of the change in the status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in the Indian Union for the targeted murders and also warn of further attacks. That hapless civilians – migrant workers, farmers and government officers – have been the victims brings back memories of the exodus of minorities following violence in the Valley in the 1990s, notwithstanding condemnation of the violence now by mainstream and separatist leaders and also civil society. A clinical approach to finding and punishing the perpetrators will be better than seeking to dragnet suspects; it is important to isolate the radicals. The UT administration must also not spare any expense in renewing its commitment to protecting the Pandits and migrants.

The attacks and killings also suggest the failure of the Union government's decisions – the dilution of Article 370 and the bifurcation of J&K – in arresting the trend of violence in the Valley in the latter part of the last decade. Worse, the renewed violence against minorities reflects the deterioration of the situation in the Valley just a few years after democratic participation had improved steadily, reflecting a sense of ease with the mainstream polity among the citizenry. That these attacks have continued with impunity calls into question whether the authoritarian turn to governance in Kashmir has had any fruitful impact. Besides the emasculation of nearly the entire Kashmiri polity – both mainstream and separatist – and persisting disaffection, there is now increased religious polarisation, which has led to the burgeoning of violent radical elements. The persistence of a security-centric approach to the Kashmir issue and the lack of ownership in governance among the citizenry due to the absence of an elected authority have only added to the alienation in India's most conflict-prone province.

A travesty of justice

Shocking lapses mar Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry report

An investigation report is not a clean slate on which the investigator can record his whimsy that flies in the face of facts. Did the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's final report clarify the circumstances that led to the death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, as mandated by the terms of reference or did it rest with a conclusion that followed a preset diabolical script, accentuating conspiracy theories hatched within a context of political opportunism? The report that was submitted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Tuesday found fault with Jayalalithaa's aide V.K. Sasikala, former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, two IAS officers, and three doctors, and recommended further investigation against them. However, it falls perplexingly short of explaining where the fault lay with those it found culpable, or tracing a damning trail of evidence to their doorstep. Justice Arumughaswamy, trained as a lawyer and not in medicine, makes post-facto judgments about the medical procedures (angio/surgery for a heart condition) that must have been followed in treating Jayalalithaa during her 75-day stint at Apollo hospital, and goes further out of line to make allegations against qualified medical professionals in charge of treatment, based on these conjectures. In a glaring lapse, he completely sidesteps the AIIMS medical experts' committee's (constituted by the Supreme Court of India) report released earlier, agreeing with the treatment course, and the final diagnosis by the hospital.

The report cherry picks elements from the range of options provided by a panel of doctors, and part-phrases from depositions that suit a seemingly pre-determined narrative to arrive at conclusions. Worse, it peddles lies to heap calumny on respondents and witnesses, particularly obvious when it asks why Jayalalithaa was not taken abroad for treatment after she had agreed to it, ignoring documentation enclosed as part of the report recording that she categorically refused to be shifted out of the country for treatment. The report itself encloses elaborate documentation on treatment from the hospital and yet, unfathomably, accuses it of not providing contra-evidence or documents (on the surgery aspect). Coming five years after the commission of inquiry was constituted, and nearly six years after the death of Jayalalithaa, the report makes no attempt to render any justice, but steps out of line in making unqualified calls on medicine, and reeks of malfeasance. The Tamil Nadu government has done its duty by presenting the report in the Assembly, and seeking legal opinion on it. It is now obligated to render true justice in the matter by ensuring that this long-drawn-out issue is well and truly buried, along with the report.

Turkish foreign policy, the East-West divide

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Politics, geopolitics and Ottoman glory are what are shaping the Erdoğan-driven Turkish foreign policy outlook

Amidst the sharp East-West hostilities generated by the war in Ukraine, there is one country that is at the centre of regional diplomacy – Turkey. Following earlier rapprochement with Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has rebuilt bridges with Israel by meeting its Prime Minister Yair Lapid on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in September this year, and pledging to cooperate on shared security and energy interests. And, in a dramatic overture, on August 19, Mr. Erdoğan indicated Turkey's readiness to engage with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, saying "there is no resentment in politics".

But, despite this bonhomie, Turkey's mailed fist has also been on display. It retains its tough posture on Sweden's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), insisting on the repatriation of Kurdish leaders, described as "terrorists", who are enjoying sanctuary in the Nordic capital. And, it maintains its confrontation with fellow NATO member, Greece.

The Grecian churn

Turkey is concerned about expanding ties between Greece and the United States; Ankara recently summoned the Ambassadors of both countries to protest about the deployment of U.S. military supplies on islands in the Aegean that are close to Turkey, in violation of several agreements, including those of Lausanne (1923) and Paris (1947).

Two other areas of dispute are Cyprus and the East Mediterranean. In early September, the U.S. removed restrictions on defence supplies to Cyprus in response to the island nation denying refuelling and repair facilities to Russian naval vessels. Turkey has belligerently announced that it will expand its military presence on the divided island, going beyond its present strength of 40,000 troops.

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In a further provocation to Greece, in early October, Turkey concluded an energy agreement with the Tripoli-based Libyan government for joint exploration of hydrocarbon resources in the East Mediterranean. The agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Erdoğan who was accompanied by his Foreign, Defence, Energy and Trade Ministers, signalling Turkey's wide-ranging strategic interests in the region.

Turkey has affirmed that it is the only NATO member which can engage with Russia and mediate in the Ukraine war. Turkey successfully negotiated the grain agreement with the two warring parties – the first shipment of Ukrainian grain left Odessa on August 1, and, within the next month-and-a-half, three million tonnes had been shipped from Ukraine.

Russian-Turkish ties, though marked by important differences on Armenia, Syria, Libya and the East Mediterranean, remain substantial and mutually advantageous. They are marked by significant Russian investments and financial transfers to Turkish banks, including a $15 billion transfer from Russia's nuclear company, Rosatom, to its Turkish partner to purchase the required equipment for the Akkuyu nuclear power plant and avoid sanctions. Turkey's exports to Russia have increased 75% over the last year, even as it has emerged as a major importer of Russian energy. Russian President Vladimir Putin has reciprocated by proposing that Turkey become a hub for supplies of Russian gas to Europe.

Turkey has also indicated its interest in membership of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): in response to criticisms that this is an anti-West grouping, Mr. Erdoğan has said that Turkey is positioning itself as a "global power".

Global ambitions

Turkey's diverse diplomatic forays are bewildering: mired in serious economic crises, with inflation well over 80%, and facing a tough general election in June next year, is Mr. Erdoğan being impelled by domestic political considerations or does he have a grand vision for his country? It is possible that like most populist leaders in a democratic system, Mr. Erdoğan sees no contradiction between the two interests. Anti-Kurdish hostility and confrontations with Greece please the nationalists at home. They are also enthused by Turkey's central position in world affairs that is drawn from Turkey's own Ottoman traditions rather than its links with the West.

Perhaps the best way to understand Mr. Erdoğan is to see him as seeking to maximise advantages from Turkey's geopolitical place at the confluence of Europe and Asia, abutting the Caucasus and Central Asia, the Mediterranean and North Africa, and placing this geography in the frame of Ottoman authority and influence at its peak.

At the global level, Mr. Erdoğan has positioned Turkey at the centre of the East-West divide, reaping benefits from both sides, but fully committing to neither of them.

Closer home

Nearer home, he works closely with Russia and Iran, but parts company from them when Turkey's crucial interests are involved. This explains Turkey's military posture *vis-à-vis* the Kurds in Syria and Iraq, while maintaining links with the governments in Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government in Arbil.

In Syria, Mr. Erdoğan has nurtured ties with Turkmen and Islamist groups, to the chagrin of Russia and Iran, but the recent outreach to Damascus will please both his regional partners. Similarly, in West Asia, he has got close to the Arab monarchies, but not at the expense of relations with Iran.

This pattern is being repeated in the Caucasus and the Balkans: in the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict, Turkey has backed the former, but then worked with Russia to maintain the ceasefire and also mend ties with Armenia. Again, in early September, Mr. Erdoğan undertook a three-day tour of the Balkans to patch up differences between Bosnia-Herzegovina and its breakaway Serb community, followed by visits to Belgrade and Zagreb to improve ties between the three successor states of the erstwhile Yugoslavia

Mr. Erdoğan foreign policy reflects the adroit usage of politics and geopolitics, mixed with strong elements of Ottoman glory.

A new lease of LIFE for climate action

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The Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) mission resonates with the global climate justice India has rightfully called for

Our world today is in turmoil, facing multiple, mutually reinforcing crises. Even as we mount a fragile recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, war fuels a devastating energy, food, and cost-of-living crisis. And for the first time since it began over 30 years ago, the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report has warned that global human development measures have declined across most countries in the past two years. This comes against the backdrop of the greatest existential threat of all – the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. Nine of the warmest years on record have come in the past decade alone. This year's record-breaking heat waves, floods, droughts, and other extreme forms of weather have forced us to face these increasingly devastating impacts. Climate change is a disruption multiplier in a disrupted world, rolling back progress across the global Sustainable Development Goals.

The Paris Agreement and the COP26 summit in Glasgow represent urgent, collective steps countries are taking to limit emissions. Yet, the window for action is closing fast. Commitments we have now will not keep warming below the 1.5°C target that gives us the best chance of averting catastrophe.

With the narrative so focused on geo-politics, the scope for each of us to make a difference as individuals seems increasingly lost. While governments and industry carry the lion's share of responsibility for responding to the crisis, we as consumers play a large role in driving unsustainable production methods.

LIFE, a fresh perspective

LIFE, or Lifestyle for Environment, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 in November 2021, brings a fresh and much-needed perspective. Rather than framing climate change as a 'larger than life' challenge, LIFE recognises that small individual actions can tip the balance in the planet's favour. But we need guiding frameworks, information sharing and the scale of a global movement. Mindful choices cultivated by LIFE animate this spirit – actions such as saving energy at home; cycling and using public transport instead of driving; eating more plant-based foods and wasting less; and leveraging our position as customers and employees to demand climate-friendly choices.

Many of the goals of LIFE can be achieved by deploying 'nudges', gentle persuasion techniques to encourage positive behaviour. The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) employs proven nudging techniques such as discouraging food waste by offering smaller plates in cafeterias; encouraging recycling by making bin lids eye-catching; and encouraging cycling by creating cycle paths. According to the UNEP, more than two-thirds of greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to household consumption and lifestyles – the urgent cuts to global emissions we need can only be achieved through widespread adoption of greener consumption habits.

And while LIFE is a global vision, India is an excellent place to start. With over 1.3 billion people, if we achieve a true *jan andolan* here, the momentum generated will be enormous. As India leads, we see the world increasingly follow.

India's track record

Today, in Gujarat, from the Statue of Unity, this vision of LIFE is taking flight as a global mission launched by Mr. Modi together with UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who has come to India to show his support. The Prime Minister and Secretary-General are calling on all consumers across the world to become "Pro Planet People" by 2027, adopting simple lifestyle changes that can collectively lead to transformational change. India has a proven track record translating the aspirations of national missions into whole-of-society efforts. The success of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which mobilised individuals and communities across socio-economic strata to become drivers of collective good health and sanitation is an example.

The LIFE mission also recognises that accountability is relative to contribution. Emissions across the poorest half of the world's population combined still fall short of even 1% of the wealthiest. Those who consume the least, often the most vulnerable and marginalised members of society, will not be asked to consume less, but rather supported to participate in the green economy. Each 'Pro Planet' stakeholder is nudged according to differentiated approaches.

Onus on the developed world

The same applies across countries. LIFE resonates with the global climate justice India has rightfully called for – highlighting enhanced obligations those in developed countries bear, to support climate adaptation and mitigation for those most affected, yet least responsible. The average carbon footprint of a person in a high income country is more than 80 times higher than that of a person in a least developed country. It is common sense and only fair to call on the developed world to shoulder a proportionate share of this transition. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "the world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

And there has never been a better time for India's leadership on climate action, at home and on the international stage. From the Panchamrit targets announced by Mr. Modi at COP26, to support for the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and South-South cooperation platforms, from the world's fifth largest economy with vibrant businesses making enormous investments in renewables and electric mobility, to a world class public digital tech stack, India brings scale, expertise and legitimacy; a well-positioned founding UN Member State bridging the G20 and G77.

With COP27 next month, and India set to assume the G20 Presidency weeks after, followed by the halfway mark to Agenda 2030 next year, we at Team UN India and our 26 entities are proud and committed partners in this mission to help give a new lease of LIFE to climate action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inquiry, its findings

There is every possibility that the Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's damning revelations is likely to result in further probes (Page 1, October 19).

There is a likelihood that the whole episode may have political overtones. Furious debates are bound to occupy public discourse.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The findings of the Justice Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry are shocking.

Instead of there being closure, the report has clearly opened another Pandora's box.

C.R. Ananthanarayanan,
Bengaluru

It is a relief that the report of the Justice Arumugaswamy Commission of Inquiry has been tabled in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. With its indictment of key personalities, the ball is now in the court of the Tamil Nadu government. One wonders what the next course of action will be? Will there be another probe?

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

Build bridges

The article, "Hindus are not kafirs, Muslims are not jihadis" ('Opinion' page, October 19), sheds light on the correct meaning of 'kafir'. Non-Muslims must take this word positively. The article should pave the way for a strong bridge between people of different faiths with Islam, and in turn create a strong India.

A. Kaja Nazimudeen,
Eruvadi, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

The last sentence in the penultimate paragraph of the article titled "Magnanimity or Machiavellian move?" (Opinion page, Oct. 19, 2022) read: "... when Ms. Jadhav became the first woman ... to win ... defeating *Mr. Jadhav* by a huge margin." It should have been *Satyajit Kadam* [of the BJP].

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Pyrotechnics, relevance

Firecrackers that flood the markets are made up of potassium nitrate, carbon and sulphur, which emit poisonous oxides. The presence of suspended particles in the air is bound to rise during Deepavali, reducing visibility and causing much suffocation. Also the noise of fire-crackers, well beyond the threshold of human tolerance, traumatises the young, the old, the sick and pets.

One can no longer buy the argument of children cherishing firecrackers, as the younger generation has greater awareness of the serious hazards crackers pose.

R. Sivakumar,
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The politics of the madrasa survey

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The Uttar Pradesh government's decision to undertake a survey of madrasas has raised serious concerns not just over the fate of these institutions but also on the future of Muslim identity. Other BJP-ruled States have also expressed concerns about madrasas. In May, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the word 'madrasa' should cease to exist. In September, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhammi said his State would also conduct a survey of madrasas, like Uttar Pradesh. The stated reason is to check the availability of basic facilities for the students. Responding to this, Maulana Arshad Madani, head of the Darul Uloom Deoband, appealed to Ulemas in charge of various madrasas to cooperate in the survey, taking the stated logic of governance at face value.

In politics, the logic of governance has always been a handy tool to achieve ideological objectives. This was the case in the 1905 Bengal Partition and, as some may argue, during the 2014 general election campaign. The ideological aspect of this survey will become clear only after the survey is completed and various political parties respond to its outcomes. What strands of majoritarianism inspired the survey? Is the survey motivated by prejudice towards Muslims? Whatever the answer, madrasas have become a new battlefront between the Hindu Right and Indian Muslims, and the survey has the potential to offer material that could shape Muslim identity.

Views about madrasas

In India, two arguments are often made about madrasas. The first is that Muslims are economically backward because most of them are educated in madrasas. The second argument is that madrasas are nurseries of radical Islam. This view gained momentum globally after the 9/11 attack. The response of the Western states, or the War on Terror, was formulated based on this argument. Despite the fact that the al-Qaeda failed to attract Indian Muslims, the Indian political class was swayed by this view of madrasas. The most surprising endorsement of this view came from former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya in 2002.

The Sachar Committee Report (2006) demolished both these arguments with robust empirical evidence. It found that only 3% of Muslim children of school-going age go to madrasas at the national level. It also drew a distinction between madrasas and maktabs. Maktabs are neighbourhood schools, often attached to mosques. They offer religious education to children who attend other schools to get mainstream education. The share of Muslims who attend madrasas and maktabs is not more than 6.3%, the report said. The report's most crucial observation was that Muslims are aspirational. Muslim parents are eager to see their children enrolled in modern education institutions, but often fail to do so owing to their poor financial condition. The report therefore recommended that scholarships be given to Muslim students so that they don't drop out of school. This was even implemented by some BJP-ruled States such as Madhya Pradesh, but not by the then Gujarat government. Such scholarships have made a difference, say some researchers, though scholars have expressed concerns over the lack of commitment of various national governments, including the United Progressive Alliance governments that helped formulate the report, in implementing the committee's recommendations.

Any state intervention inspired by Islamophobic views will only help deepen majoritarianism

SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

A policy for Muslims

It is clear that the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Assam or Uttarakhand have little appreciation for these findings. One BJP leader dismissed the Sachar report as an act of appeasement. Curiously, the authors of the Sachar Committee report deliberately chose to stay away from discussions over party politics or issues of secularism or communalism and the implications of these for the welfare of Muslims. They pretended as if no causal relationship exists between ideology and development. The politics that is expected to follow the madrasa survey will highlight how crucial this relationship is, and how utopian the authors of the Sachar report were in hoping that they could frame a policy for Muslims outside the framework of secularism and communalism.

Madrasas have a long and complex history. In the post-mutiny period, they emerged mainly to help save Muslim identity in the face of growing colonial interventions, which they suspected might impose Christian values on fellow Muslims. Madrasas, particularly Deoband, chose not to seek state support because they suspected that the colonial state, among others, would eventually expect them to produce "loyal subjects for the British Crown" as became the case with Aligarh Muslim University. So, they sought autonomy. Deoband took a political stand and fiercely resisted Partition. While there are issues concerning madrasas and modernity, particularly with regard to issues such as patriarchy and child rights, some of which were raised by the Sachar Committee, to have any state intervention inspired by Islamophobic views will only help deepen majoritarianism.

Advantage Edappadi Palaniswami

The Arumughaswamy Commission report poses an obstacle to Sasikala's plans

STATE OF PLAY

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The release of the much-awaited report of the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry, which examined the circumstances leading to the hospitalisation and death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, has aroused widespread interest in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere.

There was a great deal of public curiosity about Jayalalithaa's health condition when she was hospitalised in late September 2016. Politics also constantly featured in discourses about her hospitalisation and death in December 2016. The political dimension acquired greater intensity when allegations were raised about her death. One of the principal players in this political drama was O. Panneerselvam, who succeeded Jayalalithaa as Chief Minister thrice – in 2001, 2014 and 2016.

Two months after Jayalalithaa's death, the former Chief Minister's close aide, V.K. Sasikala, was unanimously elected leader of the legislature party. Following this, Mr. Panneerselvam quit as Chief Minister and launched a political campaign, which he called *dharmayudham* (battle for justice), raising questions about Jayalithaa's death. The AIADMK split into two camps: one led by Mr. Panneerselvam and the other by Ms. Sasikala. But with the Supreme Court setting aside Ms. Sasikala's acquittal by the Karnataka High Court in a disproportionate assets case, she had to serve her four-year imprisonment. In her place, Edappadi K. Palaniswami was elected as leader of the legislature party and was later sworn in as Chief Minister. In September 2017, the Tamil Nadu government constituted the Arumughaswamy Commission as this was one of the preconditions for the reunion of the Panneerselvam camp with the Palaniswami camp.

The panel, whose report was placed on the floor of the Assembly on October 18, held that it did not find anything "abnormal or unnatural" in the conduct of persons who got Jayalalithaa admitted to Apollo Hospital in Chennai. But it found Ms. Sasikala, Jayalalithaa's doctor K.S. Sivakumar, the then Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, and the then Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan "at fault". Apart from recommending further investigation against the four, the panel suggested a probe against the then Chief Secretary, P. Rama Mohana Rao, and two doctors of the hospital who were treating Jayalalithaa. The panel indicated that it was for the government to decide and investigate the matter against Pratap C. Reddy, Chairman of Apollo Hospitals, who, in his interaction with the press, "issued a false statement that the late CM can be discharged at any time".

On October 17, the government, now headed by M.K. Stalin of the DMK, had issued an order stating that it would obtain the "considered opinion" of "legal experts" before initiating "appropriate action" against the individuals concerned. It is no wonder that Ms. Sasikala, who identifies herself as general secretary of the AIADMK and appears to be seen as a serious political player in the run-up to the 2024 general election, has sought to project herself as a victim of manipulation. In her three-page statement issued on October 18 night, she blamed the DMK directly for seeking to "damage the name and fame" of the former Chief Minister. In the rest of the statement, even though she came down heavily on Jayalalithaa's detractors without mentioning anyone in particular, Ms. Sasikala conveyed in a subtle manner the target of her attack.

Though it is premature to say what the DMK will do, the Commission's findings may pose an obstacle to Ms. Sasikala in her pursuit to present herself as the rallying point of anti-DMK forces. After all, she has been watching closely the power tussle between Mr. Palaniswami and Mr. Panneerselvam, who was expelled from the AIADMK at the general council meeting in July.

The Arumughaswamy panel's work is of no political significance to Mr. Palaniswami because he became Chief Minister only in mid-February 2017 and was nowhere in the controversy surrounding Jayalalithaa's death. Also, not much attention has been given to the report of the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission, which probed the Thoothukudi police firing that claimed 13 lives in May 2018, despite its conclusion that Mr. Palaniswami, as the then Chief Minister, was being regularly updated on the developments. All this has placed Mr. Palaniswami at an advantageous position vis-a-vis his present adversaries – Ms. Sasikala and Mr. Panneerselvam.

The next CJI will have the longest tenure in the last decade

At the age of 62 years, 11 months and 29 days, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud will also be the youngest CJI of the last 10 years

DATA POINT

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On October 17, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju announced that President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI). Justice Chandrachud will take oath on November 9, 2022, a day after incumbent CJI Justice U.U. Lalit retires from office.

D.Y. Chandrachud was born on November 11, 1959, in Mumbai, Maharashtra. After earning a bachelor's degree from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, he went on to pursue law (LLB) from the Faculty of Law at Delhi University. He obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree from Harvard Law School. Justice Chandrachud was elevated to the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016. Before that, he served as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years and two days until his retirement on November 10, 2024. His is expected to be the 14th longest tenure among the tenures of the 50 CJIs analysed. His term will be the longest among all the CJIs of the past decade. The 11 CJIs who were appointed after Justice S.H. Kapadia, who took charge on May 12, 2010 and who served two years, four months and 19 days in the top post, had shorter stints than what Justice Chandrachud is set to serve.

Interestingly, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's father, Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, holds the record for serving the longest term as the CJI. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud was appointed on February 22, 1978 and retired on July 11, 1985, which means he served in the top post for seven years, four months and 19 days. Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha, India's sixth CJI, comes a distant second with four years, four months and one day at the helm. He is followed by Justice A.N. Ray who served for three years, nine months and four days.

Justice K.N. Singh, who was appointed as the CJI on November 25, 1991, had the shortest stint: only 17 days until his retirement. Justice S. Rajendra Babu was the other CJI whose tenure lasted for less than a month. **Table 1** lists the CJIs with the longest and shortest terms. Data show that on average, a CJI has served for 1.5 years.

In November, Justice Chandrachud will take charge at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 29 days, which will make him the 16th youngest CJI. He will be the youngest CJI in the last decade. Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, who was appointed to the post at the age of 57 years, seven months and 13 days, holds the record as the youngest CJI. **Table 2** lists the youngest and oldest CJIs based on their age at the time of appointment.

Maharashtra, the State where Justice Chandrachud was born, is the State of birth for six other CJIs. Five CJIs each were born in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. **Chart 3** shows the number of CJIs born in various States/countries.

Delhi University, where Justice Chandrachud completed his LLB, produced three other CJIs. However, leading the list of institutions is the Government Law College in Mumbai, the alma mater of five CJIs. **Chart 4** shows the names of universities/colleges attended by CJIs. Only institutions from which at least two CJIs graduated have been listed.

As shown in **Table 5**, the next in line to become the CJI is Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who is expected to take over on November 11, 2024. His term will last for six months and a day. None of the next five presumptive CJI is expected to have a tenure exceeding that of Justice Chandrachud's. Justice Surya Kant's one year, two months and 15 days comes close.

At the helm of the Supreme Court

The tables and charts show the CJIs with the longest and shortest terms, the youngest and oldest CJIs, where they were born and where they studied, and the CJIs next in line. Data were sourced from Supreme Court website and The Hindu Archives

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

Table 1 | The table lists the CJIs who have served the longest and shortest terms

Name	Term	In days
Top 5		
Justice Y.V. Chandrachud	7 Years 4 Months 19 Days	2,696
Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha	4 Years 4 Months 1 Day	1,583
Justice A.N. Ray	3 Years 9 Months 4 Days	1,373
Justice Sudhi Ranjan Das	3 Years 7 Months 30 Days	1,337
Justice K.G. Balakrishnan	3 Years 3 Months 29 Days	1,214
14) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	**2 Years 0 Months 2 Days**	**732**
Bottom 5		
Justice K.N. Singh	0 Years 0 Months 17 Days	17
Justice S. Rajendra Babu	0 Years 0 Months 29 Days	29
Justice J.C. Shah	0 Years 1 Months 4 Days	35
Justice G.B. Patnaik	0 Years 1 Months 9 Days	40
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	0 Years 2 Months 11 Days	73

Table 2 | The table lists the youngest and the oldest CJIs based on their age at the time of appointment

Name	Age when they became CJI
Youngest 5	
Justice Y.V. Chandrachud	57 Years 7 Months 13 Days
Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania	59 Years 2 Months 22 Days
Justice Bhuvneshwar Prasad Sinha	60 Years 7 Months 29 Days
Justice A.N. Ray	61 Years 2 Months 26 Days
Justice Sudhi Ranjan Das	61 Years 4 Months 1 Day
16) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	**62 Years 11 Months 29 Days**
Oldest 5	
Justice K.N. Singh	64 Years 11 Months 12 Days
Justice S. Rajendra Babu	64 Years 11 Months 1 Days
Justice J.C. Shah	64 Years 10 Months 25 Days
Justice G.B. Patnaik	64 Years 10 Months 20 Days
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	64 Years 9 Months 17 Days

Chart 3 | The chart shows the number of CJIs born in various States/countries

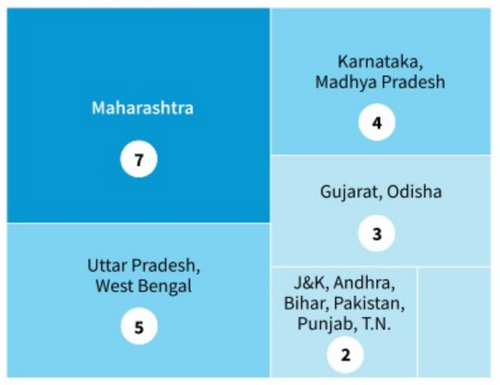

Chart 4 | The chart shows the alma mater of CJIs

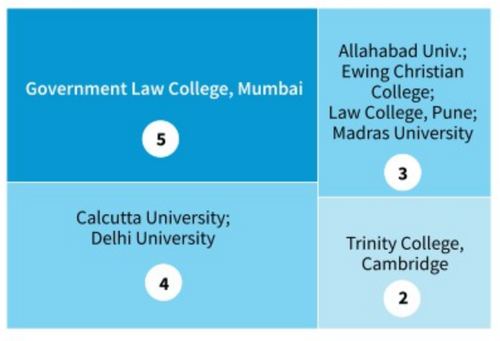

Table 5 | The chart shows the judges at the Supreme Court next in line to become the CJI based on seniority

Next in line	Expected to become CJI on	Term ends on
Justice Sanjiv Khanna	Nov. 11, 2024	May 13, 2025
Justice BR Gavai	May 14, 2025	Nov. 23, 2025
Justice Surya Kant	Nov. 24, 2025	Feb. 9, 2027
Justice Vikram Nath	Feb. 10, 2027	Sept. 23, 2027
Justice BV Nagarathna	Sept. 24, 2027	Oct. 29, 2027

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 20, 1972

Chaknot will remain with Pakistan

New Delhi, Oct. 12: Lipa Valley posts in Tithwal sector, captured by Pakistan after December 17 last, will revert to India and Chaknot, hamlet of 200 people in Guraiz sector, will remain with Pakistan in terms of the line of control as delineated by the senior military commanders of the two countries, according to informed sources. Chaknot, was on the Indian side under the 1948 Cease-fire Line. The Simla agreement had provided that the delineation of the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir would be as on December 17, the date on which the hostilities came to an end. The sources said that no difficulty is expected in the processing by staff officers and surveyors of decisions taken by Lt. Gen. Bhagat and Lt. Gen. Abdul Hamid Khan in the seventh round of talks that began at Suchetgarh on October 14. The two commanders will meet in the next two days to approve the delineation as done on the map. The maps with the line of control will be taken back to the national capitals for approval by the respective governments. This is expected to be completed by October 25. The withdrawal of troops from occupied territories will begin thereafter. Under the Delhi agreement, the time schedule provided for eleven days after the delineation of the withdrawal of the forces.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 20, 1922

Reserving Railway compartments

Bombay, Oct. 18: The question whether it is legal or not on the part of railway company to reserve third class compartment for European and Anglo-Indians was finally disposed of by the Bombay High Court to-day, when Justice Marten heard a reference made by the Acting Chief Justice in the case against one Narayan Goote. It will be recalled that the accused was convicted and sentenced by the First Class Magistrate of East Khandesh to pay a fine of Rs. 5 for travelling in the above-mentioned reserved compartment... Justice Marten held that railway authorities had general powers to reserve compartments and that the accused having failed to prove that the authorities showed undue preference in the present case, his Lordship would not interfere in the lower court's order of conviction and fine.

From Page One

Kharge wins Congress presidential election

Mr. Kharge also spoke about working with Mr. Tharoor. "No one is small or big and we have to all work like *karyakartas* (workers) to strengthen the organisation," Mr. Kharge said, adding, "We have to together fight the threat to democracy and the Constitution. We have to fight the fascist forces that are attacking democracy and democratic institutions wearing the garb of communalism."

The nearly 12% votes for Mr. Tharoor was not only impressive, considering that Mr. Kharge was seen as the "establishment candidate", but also reflect the mood for change within the Congress.

Conceding defeat and congratulating Mr. Kharge, Mr. Tharoor, in a statement, said, "I have always expressed the view that these elections, irrespective of the outcome, must ultimately strengthen the party. It gives me immense personal satisfaction that this has clearly been the case. Our democratic contest has galvanised vibrancy at all levels and has prompted a healthy and constructive discussion on change, which I believe will serve the party in good stead in the future."

Mr. Tharoor and his election manager, Salman Soz, also sought to downplay reports about his team complaining about the unfairness of the polling process. "In light of complaints from our U.P. team yesterday, we wrote to @INCIndia's CEA immediately, a standard practice. Subsequent discussions with the CEA have assured us of a fair inquiry," Mr. Soz tweeted.

"We have made a point-by-point response to those queries after preparing a report. This is an internal matter and I would not be making our report public," Mr. Mistry told reporters.

Amid celebrations by Youth Congress workers at the party headquarters, congratulatory messages poured in. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh and senior leaders Mukul Wasnik, Randeep Surjewala and Sachin Pilot were among those who congratulated the new chief. "Shri. Kharge's victory is a triumph for the forces who place ideological commitment over personal glory," Mr. Ramesh tweeted. "It is a victory of internal democracy in Congress," Mr. Surjewala said.

Once Mr. Kharge formally takes over, the previous Congress Working Committee (CWC) will get dissolved and a Steering Committee will be formed until the next plenary or the All India Congress Committee (AICC) session.

China blocks terror listing request again

Since June, China has similarly blocked other India-U.S. proposals for terror listings, including those of LeT deputy chief Abdur Rahman Makki and 26/11 terrorist handler Sajid Mir as well as Jaish-e-Mohammad deputy Rauf Asghar. In each of the cases, Beijing has said it needs "time" to study the details of the listing, and has refused to allow the designations to proceed in the absence of "sufficient evidence", a move that New Delhi has called "politically motivated" and accused China of "double speak and double standards".

Both Talha Saeed and Shahid Mehmood are designated terrorists in India by the Home Ministry's "UAPA" terror list, and in the U.S. on the U.S. Treasury's list for their role in the LeT's top leadership. In its listing, the MHA said "Hafiz Talha Saeed" was involved in planning and executing attacks by the LeT in India and on "Indian interests in Afghanistan", while the U.S. Treasury has also listed him for heading the LeT's media and propaganda operations in Pakistan.

In particular, Mehmood is accused in a terror funding case filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) of along with LeT founder Hafiz Saeed "hatching a conspiracy" to build "sleeper cells" in Delhi and Haryana under the cover of religious and charity work and education projects. Shahid Mehmood was also listed on India's most wanted UAPA terrorist list (No. 17) in 2020.

In addition, in 2016 the U.S. Department of Treasury designated Shahid Mehmood (Mahmood) and Muhammad Sarwar as 'Specially Designated Global Terrorists' (SDGTs) and placed sanctions on them for their terror activities in the Lashkar-e-Taiba, noting that apart from his involvement in conspiracies to target India, Mehmood was in charge of the group's international operations, including in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Syria, Turkey and Gaza.

ED's complaint

According to the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which filed a prosecution complaint in the case based on the NIA's chargesheet against Hafiz Saeed, Mehmood, a Dubai-based Pakistani, and a few Indian Delhi-based suspects, the money was distributed in India "by FIF are only to create disguise in the minds of people and States. Whereas their main aim is to provide and collect funds, to create network/sleeper cells and to motivate youths to join terrorism". In October 2021, a Delhi court discharged four Indians arrested in the case, saying their link to the FIF had not been proven.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not comment on China's decisions, and officials said its previous statements on the issue remain valid. At a meeting at the UNSC in September, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had slammed China for the series of decisions blocking UNSC terror listing. "Regrettably, we have seen this of late in this very chamber, when it comes to sanctioning some of the most dreaded terrorists. If egregious attacks committed in broad daylight are left unpunished, this council must reflect on the signals we are sending on impunity. There must be consistency if we are to ensure credibility," he said.

Nurture diversity by condemning hate speech unequivocally: UN chief

Guterres says that diversity is a richness that makes India stronger, adds concrete actions should be taken in support of rights and freedoms of journalists, activists, students and academics

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Speaking up: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addressing a gathering at the IIT-Bombay on Wednesday. AFP

Making a strong pitch for the protection of human rights and pluralism in India, UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Wednesday urged Indians to condemn hate speech. Addressing a gathering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay, Mr. Guterres said India's global role will benefit if "concrete actions" are taken in support of the "rights and freedoms of journalists, human rights activists, students and academics".

"Diversity is a richness that makes your country stronger. That understanding...must be nurtured, strengthened and renewed every day by practising the values of Gandhi; by securing and upholding the rights and dignity of all people, especially the most vulnerable; by taking concrete action for inclusion, recognising the enormous value and contributions of multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-ethnic societies; by condemning hate speech unequivocally," Mr. Guterres said.

India was re-elected on October 13 to the UN Human Rights Council but the country's recent human rights record has received criticism from a number of UN experts who have called upon New Delhi to ensure the safety of human rights activists, journalists and student leaders like Teesta Setalvad, Rana Ayyub, Siddique Kappan and Umar Khalid, who have been in the focus of government agencies.

"I urge Indians to be vigilant and to increase your investments in an inclusive, pluralistic, diverse community and society," Mr. Guterres said.

"As an elected member of the Human Rights Council, India has a responsibility to shape global human rights, and to protect and promote the rights of all individuals," he added.

Mr. Guterres referred to the impact of the Ukraine crisis that has engulfed the commodities market across the world and said: "I urge India to continue speaking up for peace; to expand its global leadership; to align its development and its foreign policy with the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and the Paris Agreement; to find innovative solutions to today's global crises."

Mr. Guterres praised India's non-violent struggle for Independence from colonial rule. He said the upcoming Presidency of India at the G-20 will provide an opportunity for highlighting the "values and vision of the developing world".

Earlier, Mr. Guterres visited the memorial for the victims of the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai and spoke against violent extremism, saying, "Fighting terrorism must be a global priority for every country on earth."

Delhi-Centre row over services to come up before SC on Nov. 24

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to defer to November 24 the Constitution Bench hearing in the dispute between the Centre and the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government for control over bureaucrats in the national capital.

The earlier date was November 9. The case is before a Constitution Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who is taking over as Chief Justice of India (CJI) from November 9.

In May, a three-judge Bench had, in a judgment, referred to the Constitution Bench the limited question concerning 'services' or bureaucracy for an authoritative pronouncement. Four years ago, in 2018, another Constitution Bench had unanimously held that the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi was bound by the "aid and advice" of the popularly-elected Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and both had to work harmoniously with each other. It had noted that there was no room for anarchy or absolutism in a democracy.

However, the 2018 judgment had not specifically dealt with the issue of 'services'.

'King without kingdom'

The National Capital Territory (NCT) government had compared its predicament without power over the 'services' like that of a king without a kingdom. The situation was such that a "democratic representative government" had to get the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Health Secretary or a Commerce Secretary, it had argued.

The Centre had argued that Delhi, the nation's capital, should be under its control. Delhi could not be left to the "small mercies and smaller resources" of a State legislature. On February 14, 2019, a two-judge Bench had given a split opinion on the question of control over 'services' in the capital.

Leave Ukraine at the earliest, says Indian embassy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has issued a fresh travel advisory for its citizens, urging them to leave Ukraine "at the earliest".

"In view of the deteriorating security situation and recent escalation of hostilities across Ukraine, Indian nationals are advised against travelling to Ukraine. Indian citizens, including students, are advised to leave Ukraine at the earliest by available means," announced a public notification issued by the Indian embassy in Kyiv.

This is the second notification from the Indian side since October 11 when Russia launched the most extensive missile attack against the Ukrainian capital since the beginning of the war on February 24.

Centre to promote destinations in 15 States as part of *Swadesh Darshan 2*

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Elllora caves is among the sites included in the scheme. FILE PHOTO

Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, and Gwalior are among the cities identified in 15 States across the country to be promoted as part of India's new domestic tourism policy which moves away from theme-based tourist circuits and focuses on revving up destination tourism.

The initiative is being taken as part of the first phase of the 'Swadesh Darshan 2' which will be kicked off in January.

Fifteen States are part of the first phase which include Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra. Two destinations from each State have been identified, sources in the Ministry of Tourism told *The Hindu*.

Some of the prominent places identified are Jhansi and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Gwalior, Chitrakoot and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra.

The sources said the destinations had been zeroed in on after consultations with the State Tourism Departments, and the Centre was now waiting for approval from Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy. The Swadesh Darshan scheme is 100% centrally funded. The scheme has been revamped with the mantra of "vocal for local", a top official of the Tourism Ministry told *The Hindu* adding that it was essentially aimed at targeting domestic tourists.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched by the Centre in 2014-15 for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State governments, Union Territory Administrations or Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

From December, the revamped scheme would be launched which seeks to enhance the contribution of tourism.

"To create jobs including self-employment for local communities, to enhance the skills of local youth in tourism and hospitality, to increase private sector investment in tourism and hospitality and to preserve and enhance local cultural and natural resources," the vision document said.

According to the third Tourism Satellite Account for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, the contribution of tourism to the employment is 14.78%, 14.87% and 15.34%, respectively.

Dress code, training suggested for tourist police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) has suggested a separate uniform, development of a special training programme and fixing the gender ratio at 50:50 for a tourist police which would be dedicated to protecting foreign visitors to India.

The suggestions were discussed by State officials, police forces and other stakeholders from the Centre and State governments at a conference on the need for tourist police on Wednesday. The report suggested that tourist police stations should function within the jurisdiction of the district police headed by the Superintendent of Police for all policing purposes to contain crime against tourists.

Accused in five rape cases get bail in U.P. on condition of marrying victims

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has given bail to three rape accused in the past month on the condition that they marry the victims. In two other cases, bail was granted when the counsel of the accused told the court that the accused would marry the victims as soon as they secured bail.

In the latest order issued on October 10 by the single-judge Bench of Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh, the accused, Monu, who has been in jail since April 2022, was granted bail considering two facts - that the victim and her father did not oppose it, and the victim had delivered the accused's child. Monu was booked for kidnapping and rape, and under Sections 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act by the Kheri district police in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly enticing away the accused when she was just 17. "Let Monu be released on bail subject to conditions that soon after he comes out of jail, he will perform marriage with the victim within 15 days from the date of release and get the same registered. He will give all rights to the prosecutrix and his child as wife and daughter," the order said.

On September 30, while hearing the bail application of Shobhan, who was booked for rape, poisoning, criminal intimidation, and wrongful confinement by the Amethi police on the complaint of the father of a 19-year-old girl, the judge said he was told by the counsel of the accused that he and the victim were in a relationship and that she was seven-months pregnant when the FIR was filed in November 2021.

"The counsel of the victim has opposed the prayer for bail, but not disputed the aforesaid facts. Considering the medical evidence and the facts that the prosecutrix has given birth to a child, it would be appropriate to enlarge the accused on bail," the judge said, adding that the accused can be released on bail on the condition that he would marry the prosecutrix as soon as he came out of jail on bail.

The bail plea of Suraj Pal, listed in the same court on September 28, too had similar circumstances. Pal was booked by the Rae Bareli police for rape. Charges were invoked under the POCSO Act and the SC/ST Act since the victim was a Dalit and minor.

"The counsel of the accused said that the victim lived with the accused for three-and-a-half months in Surat. The counsel of the accused submits that soon after he is released from jail, he will perform marriage with the prosecutrix as she has turned major. Considering the above facts, it would be appropriate to enlarge the accused-applicant on bail," the order said.

On September 22, Justice Singh heard the bail application of Ram Babu from Unnao district, who was booked for gang-rape, poisoning, kidnapping and criminal intimidation and under Sections 5 and 6 of the POCSO Act.

The counsel of the accused told the court that the accused and victim 'married' each other and had a daughter as well. He also said the accused was willing to officially marry the victim and take care of the child.

BJP releases first list of 62 candidates for Himachal election

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

The BJP on Wednesday announced its first list of 62 candidates for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, denying tickets to 11 MLAs, including a Minister, and also changing the constituencies of two Ministers.

Nineteen out of the 62 candidates will be entering the electoral fray for the first time.

The selection of new faces as candidates is being seen as an attempt to offset anti-incumbency as the party is fighting to retain power in the hill State.

Four sitting MLAs have been denied tickets, including Jal Shakti Minister Mahender Singh from Mandi. Instead, his son, Rajat Thakur, has been fielded from the Dharampur constituency.

The constituencies of two Ministers have been changed; Suresh Bhardwaj will contest from Kasumpti instead of Shimla (Urban), and Rakesh Pathania from Fatehpur instead of Nurpur.

Former Congress MLAs

Two MLAs who recently quit the Congress and joined the BJP have been given tickets. Pawan Kajal will contest from Kangra, and Lakhwinder Rana from Nalagarh.

Former Independent MLA from Jogindernagar in Mandi district, Prakash Rana, who joined the BJP earlier this year, has also been given ticket.

The list of candidates includes five women.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur will contest from the Seraj Assembly constituency in Mandi district, the party said.

Challenges aplenty for Cong. chief

Kharge will have to resolve the leadership tussle in Rajasthan and boost the party's chances in the Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat election

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The election of Mallikarjun Kharge as the new Congress president comes at a time when the party is facing immense political challenges, high-profile exits and defections after a series of electoral losses and intense factionalism in some States.

Mr. Kharge's joining the Congress presidential race was a direct fallout of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot opting out after MLAs loyal to him "revolted" against the high command's choice of Sachin Pilot to replace Mr. Gehlot as the Chief Minister once the former had become the Congress president. Now, Mr. Kharge has to resolve the leadership tussle in Rajasthan keeping in mind that the State goes to Assembly polls towards the end of 2023.

The upcoming Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat will be among the first challenges that Mr. Kharge will face as the party president. In both these States, apart from taking on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, the Congress also has to contend with the emergence of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as a serious player.

Fresh innings: Sonia Gandhi congratulating Mallikarjun Kharge on his election as Congress president. PTI

The biggest organisational challenge for the new Congress president is to immediately arrest the attrition.

Both senior as well as young leaders continue to leave the Congress party and join other parties as the leadership doesn't inspire confidence.

The most common complaint from the leaders who have left the Congress has been about access to leadership and the lack of a proper platform to articulate their views to make decision-making more inclusive. This is one issue that Mr. Kharge, with his vast experience, has to address.

The new party chief can start by empowering and restructuring the PCCs or the State units.

Repeated electoral failures in the Hindi heartland States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar points to the lack of effective leadership on the ground. These two States alone send 120 Lok Sabha seats and the Congress' share has been negligible, failing to touch even two digits.

While Mr. Kharge has the stature and political experience to play a key role in reaching out to other Opposition leaders like Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee, he also has to ensure a blueprint for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls that places his party in the pole position for any anti-BJP front to take shape.

G-23 should answer why they didn't stand by me, says Tharoor

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In his defeat, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor posed an uncomfortable question to G-23 leaders – he asked why they hadn't stood by him despite his campaign for the Congress president's election having been centred around the very recommendations that the group had made.

Addressing a press conference at his Delhi home hours after the results were declared, where he was repeatedly asked whether he felt a sense of betrayal on being abandoned by the G-23 leaders at the outset of the campaign for this election, Mr. Tharoor said, "You will have to ask them why they didn't stand by me."

The moniker G-23 emerges from the 23 Congress leaders who signed a joint letter seeking reforms within the party, addressed to then Congress president Sonia Gandhi. "I will continue to raise the issues on whatever forums are available to me within the party. Of those who signed that particular letter, only one other person has stayed with me on upholding the various points we raised in the letter. And I would say that it would be silly to walk away from that. We were not an organisation of dissenters. There were a bunch of people who genuinely wanted a stronger Congress," Mr. Tharoor said.

He said that by contesting the elections, his effort was to make a "good party better". He also hoped Rajya Sabha MP Mallikarjun Kharge, who won the election, would ensure that the "disconnect" between the party's leadership and workers was removed.

Shashi Tharoor

"All my gratitude is to the delegates who voted for me despite explicit instructions from their leaders," Mr. Tharoor said.

He asserted that Mr. Kharge's victory was also the party's victory and that they had been colleagues who would continue to work together in future too.

Movement for change

"I didn't pitch myself as a candidate for dissent. I pitched myself as a candidate for change. And change not in the ideology of the party or direction of the party rather than the manner in which we do regular work. I did feel that there was a need for opening up access to *karyakartas* in the party and creating more opportunities and discussion forums," Mr. Tharoor said. The Congress, he said, did not lack experienced leaders or convictions and values that were right for the country.

Tharoor stays clear of blaming poll process

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday steered clear of blaming the election process in the party presidential poll.

"I don't think we can say either that we are absolutely satisfied or that we have any reason to mistrust. The fact is that in an election of this nature after a gap of 22 years, there are bound to be glitches and slip-ups," he stated.

On the draw

INBRIEF

Aramane Giridhar to be new Defence Secretary

Aramane Giridhar, Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has been appointed the next Defence Secretary. This was among a series of appointments on Wednesday by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Mr. Giridhar will take following the retirement of Ajay Kumar on October 31. Vivek Joshi was appointed as Secretary, Department of Financial Services, in place of Sanjay Malhotra, who will become Secretary, Department of Revenue, on November 30. Nagendra Nath Sinha will take over as Secretary to the Steel Ministry with effect from December 31.

GST Council likely to meet in the first half of November

The GST Council is likely to meet in the first half of November to discuss the reports of the panel of Ministers on setting up the GST appellate tribunal and levy on tax casinos and online gaming, an official said. In addition, the status on the full report of the committee tasked with rationalisation of GST rates may also come up for discussion at the 48th Council meeting in Madurai. Even if the report, which is to look at merger in GST slab that may result in prices of some goods and services going up, is presented, it is unlikely to be acted upon by the GST Council in view of high inflation. PTI

Post searches in Varanasi, NIA arrests alleged IS operative

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches leading up to the arrest of a person allegedly involved in an Islamic State-linked "Voice of Hind" module case. The searches were carried out in Varanasi and Delhi. The arrested accused has been identified as Basit Kalam Siddiqui (24), a resident of Varanasi. "The case relates to the conspiracy by IS...to radicalise and recruit impressionable youth in India to wage violent jihad against the Indian state by carrying out acts of terrorist violence," said the agency in a statement.

Tamil Nadu launches mission to save critically endangered vultures

B. Aravind Kumar
CHENNAI

Alarmed at the 96% decline in India's vulture population between 1993 and 2003, the Central government put into place two action plans to protect the species at the national level – the first in 2006 and the second, ongoing plan for 2020-2025. One of the important action points in this nationwide plan is the formation of State-level committees to save the critically endangered population of vultures.

Acting on it, the Tamil Nadu Government formed a State-level Committee to set up an institutional framework for the effective conservation of vultures, which almost went extinct in the country at the beginning of the 21st century. A formal order was issued by Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forests, on Wednesday.

Feathered friend: A white-backed vulture being trained to fly in Siryur near Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

In Tamil Nadu, four species of vultures are found – the Oriental white-backed vulture, the long-billed vulture, the red-headed vulture, and the Egyptian vulture. "The first three are residents and can be found in the landscapes of the Nilgiris and Sathyamangalam," S. Bharathidasan, secretary of Arulagam, which works for vulture conservation, said. "There is evidence of Egyptian vulture breeding only at one site in Dharmapuri," he said.

The committee, apart from the senior officials of the Forest Department, also has other experts, including K. Ramesh from the Wildlife Institute of India, S. Muralidharan of SACON, Vibhu Prakash of the Bombay Natural History Society, and two locals involved in conservation – B. Ramakrishnan of the Government Arts College, Uthagamandalam, Mr. Bharathidasan of Arulagam. The committee, which has a two-year tenure, will take steps for monitoring the conservation and recovery of existing vulture sites.

Vultures play a key role as nature's scavengers, keeping the environment clean. Their social and ecological significance cannot be underestimated, Ms. Sahu said, adding "It is the last level scavenger."

Centre seeks views on credit framework

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Wednesday began the process of public consultations on the National Credit Framework (NCrF) which seeks to integrate academic and vocational domains. The NCrF has been proposed as part of the National Education Policy (NEP).

The NEP had envisioned the NCrF for opening numerous options for inter-mingling of school and higher education with vocational education and experiential learning, thus mainstreaming skilling and vocational education.

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan said the NCrF was a next generation, multidimensional instrument under the NEP.

HC takes tough stand on illegal coal mining

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The High Court of Meghalaya has directed the State government to ensure "not an ounce of illegally-mined coal" is allowed to be transported in trucks or other vehicles. It told the Chief Secretary and Director-General of Police (DGP) that they would be accountable if any form of illegally-mined coal was discovered being transported in the State.

The Bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Justice W. Diengdoh and Justice H.S. Thangkhiew also directed the two officials and police personnel to ensure strict compliance to the order without "bowing to any political interference". The next hearing is on November 9.

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INBRIEF

CPI(M) drove out Tatas from West Bengal, not me: Mamata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that she did not drive the Tatas out of the State, but the CPI(M) did. Her remarks relating to the movement against forcible land acquisition for Tata Motors small car project at Singur in the State evoked strong reaction from the Opposition, particularly the CPI(M) leadership, which called the Chief Minister's remarks "lies". "I didn't drive Tatas out of West Bengal. The CPI(M) did. They wanted to occupy land forcibly, we have returned the land [to the people]," Ms. Banerjee said, at an event in Siliguri. She added that there was no shortage of land in the State and her government had not occupied land forcibly for any industrial project.

Allahabad HC asks for records of suit in Gyanvapi dispute

In a revision petition filed by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee challenging the Varanasi Court's September 12 order in the Gyanvapi dispute, the Allahabad High Court has asked the Varanasi District Judge to send the entire records of Hindu worshippers' suit by October 21. The directive came after S.F.A Naqvi, appearing for the masjid committee, argued that the entire records were necessary for proper adjudication. The masjid panel approached the High Court after a Varanasi court rejected its application challenging the maintainability of a suit filed by Hindu women seeking worshipping rights in the mosque compound.

Muslim Personal Law Board dissolves its women's wing

The general secretary of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), through a letter dated October 11, 2022, has dissolved the women's wing of the Board. It is alleged that the Board dissolved the women's wing without giving the members a fair chance at representation. The Board, however, denies disbanding the wing, preferring to use the term, "restructure" to describe the changes in the organisation. "We have given women more powers in various departments," said an official on condition of anonymity. The women's wing was formed in 2015 with the aim of addressing women's issues.

Extortion case: Delhi L-G nod to probe 82 prison officials

Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday granted permission to Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) to investigate 82 prison officials for their alleged involvement in an extortion racket being run by conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar when he was lodged in the Rohini jail here. According to Raj Niwas officials, the case pertains to an alleged extortion of nearly ₹200 crore by Chandrashekhar "in collusion with prison officials". Seven officials have already been arrested in the ongoing investigation into the extortion case under various sections of Indian Penal Code. Chandrashekhar is currently lodged in Mandoli jail.

MP objects to Modi's remark on pigeons and cheetahs

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Highlighting the progress made by the country in indigenous defence manufacturing under the 'Make in India' initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said in the past pigeons were released but cheetahs were released in new India.

Reacting to the comments, BSP MP Kunwar Danish said the remark amounted to mocking Mahatma Gandhi's message of peace.

"PM Narendra Modi's remark at DefExpo2022 that 'in past, pigeons were released, in New India we release cheetahs', amounts to mocking Gandhi's message of non-violence & peace (represented by pigeons), and promoting a violent, muscular govt. Would like a similar message to China," Mr. Ali tweeted.

Last month, coinciding with his birthday, Mr. Modi released eight cheetahs brought from Namibia into the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. "The events may look small at times but the underlying message is bigger," Mr. Modi said at DefExpo-2022.

We have to work fast to solve challenges in space tech: Modi

PM launches 'Mission DefSpace' to push for innovative solutions for the three Services in the space domain; releases fourth indigenisation list that bars import of over 100 defence items

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

In an ambitious effort to develop innovative solutions for the three Services in the space domain through the Indian industry and start-ups, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched the 'Mission DefSpace' at the ongoing DefExpo.

He also released the fourth defence indigenisation list at the ongoing DefExpo-2022, which bars import of 101 items after certain timelines.

"Space technology is an example of what security will mean for any strong nation in the future. Various challenges in this area have been reviewed and identified by the three Services. We have to work fast to solve them," Mr. Modi said.

Under Mission DefSpace, 75 challenges are being opened to get innovative solutions, based on the defence requirements in the space domain, the Defence Ministry said.

Eye on sky: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the Defence Expo 2022 in Gandhinagar on Wednesday. VIJAY SONEJI

Stating that space technology was shaping new definitions of India's generous space diplomacy and giving rise to new possibilities, the Prime Minister stated, "Many African countries and many other small countries are benefiting from this."

Real-time access to data

There are more than 60 developing countries with whom India is sharing its space science. "The South Asia satellite is an effective example of this. By next year, 10 Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries will also get real-time access to India's satellite data. Even developed countries like Europe and America are using our satellite data," he stated.

Explaining the significance, Lt. Gen. A.K. Bhatt (retd.), Director General of the Indian Space Association (ISpA), said this was the first time an opportunity was being given to the private industry in the defence space sector.

"Defence space challenges, which have been worked with the Services, Ministry of Defence, along with private industry and the ISpA, are primarily aimed at making a range of defence applications to enhance the capability of the three Services," he stated.

A senior official explained that the effort was not meant to develop offensive capabilities in space but to build technology enablers for the Services.

As part of efforts to boost the domestic defence industry and promote defence exports, the Defence Ministry had earlier promulgated the first, second and third Positive Indigenisation Lists, comprising 310 items.

The items on the lists cannot be imported by the Services and should be sourced from within the country.

In the fourth list too, import substitution of ammunition which is a recurring requirement has been given special focus, the Ministry stated.

Mr. Modi also unveiled the HTT-40 indigenous trainer aircraft designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. The Cabinet Committee on Security is expected to give its final approval for procurement of these trainers for the Air Force.

Rustom-2 UAV to complete user trials by August 2023

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

The indigenous medium altitude long endurance (MALE) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation is expected to complete all user trials by August 2023, defence officials said. Parallelly, a separate project for the weaponisation of the Rustom UAV is also under way.

"Four prototypes of Rustom-2 are currently flying. Five production models will be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), which is the production partner," a defence official said on the sidelines of DefExpo-2022. "The production models will be ready in five or six months."

A second official said night flying trials had started but were held up due to logistical issues and were expected to be completed shortly. Last December, Rustom-2 had crossed a milestone by reaching an altitude of 25,000 feet and an endurance of 10 hours. The target is to reach an altitude of 30,000 feet with an endurance of 20 hours, the officials stated.

'Profit-minded educational trusts cannot get tax relief'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that any society, fund, trust or institution claiming to have been set up for the "charitable purpose of education" should be "solely" concerned with education to claim exemption under Section 10 (23C) of the Income Tax Act.

Profit-minded institutions cannot claim exemption, a three-judge Bench of Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit, Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and P.S. Narasimha observed.

"The interpretation of education being the 'sole' object of every trust or organisation which seeks to propagate it, through this decision, accords with the constitutional understanding and, what is more, maintains its pristine and unsullied nature," Justice Bhat observed.

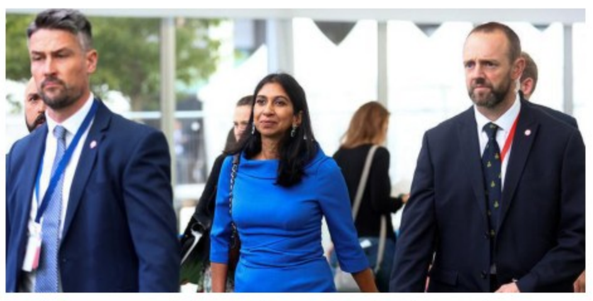
Controversial U.K. Home Secretary Suella Braverman quits embattled Truss govt.

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Suella Braverman, until Wednesday afternoon the British Home Secretary, resigned from her post, ostensibly on security grounds. The former Home Secretary had sent a sensitive email to a non-government Tory MP via her private email account.

However, there appeared to be more to the story, with Ms. Braverman writing that she had "concerns" with the embattled Liz Truss government, which is hanging on by a thread after announcing (and then reversing) tax cuts that were deeply unpopular with the markets.

"Pretending we haven't made mistakes, carrying on as if everyone can't see that we have made them, and hoping that things will magically come right is not serious politics. I have made a mistake; I accept responsibility; I resign," Ms. Braverman wrote in her resignation letter, apparently referring to Ms. Truss's refusal to resign over her botched economic plan.



Suella Braverman during the Conservative Party's annual conference in Birmingham on October 4. REUTERS

A loud critic of migration, Ms. Braverman specified some of her concerns in her letter, including the government not honouring manifesto promises, such as lowering overall migration numbers and stopping illegal migration. Paul Goodman, Editor of *Conservative Home*, tweeted that Ms. Braverman had resigned over pressure to make announcements regarding liberalising migration – to help the government's growth plan meet its targets.

Trade deal

Additionally, Ms. Braverman had said earlier this month that she had "some reservations" about a U.K.-India trade deal – because Indians were the largest group of visa overstayers in the U.K. This had not gone down well with India.

While speaking at a Deepavali event on Tuesday, Ms. Braverman had said

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>
> SUELLA BRAVERMAN

the U.K. had been "profoundly enriched" by Indian immigration, the *Press Trust of India* had reported.

"Naturally, there is an economic imperative for our countries to work together, which is why we are so eager to secure a trade deal," Ms. Braverman had said, as per the report.

While a trade deal is still being discussed by both countries, the earlier deadline of Deepavali (October 24) is no longer on the cards. A Foreign Affairs spokesperson for the U.K. government was the latest to say this, on Wednesday, as they echoed comments of the International Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch.

"We are currently not expecting to have a final deal by the end of Diwali, which the International Trade Secretary set out herself last week," the spokesperson said at a briefing for the foreign press on Wednesday. "But we still fully expect to get a good and comprehensive free trade deal with India that fully benefits both sides," the spokesperson said.

Downing Street announced that Grant Shapps, former Transport Secretary from the Boris Johnson government, would replace Ms. Braverman. Significantly, Mr. Shapps was a supporter of Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor and Ms. Truss's rival in the Conservative party contest this summer for the top job.

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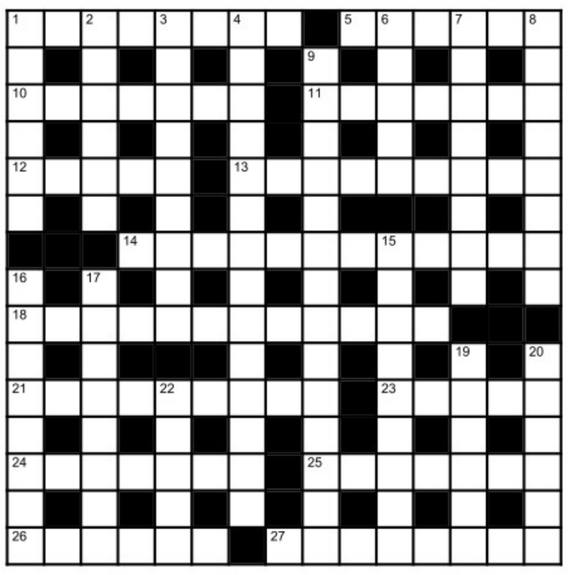

Across

1 Daring but reactionary, without virtue (8)
5 British youngsters wielding oriental knives (6)
10 One making an effort to ensnare good girl in trip (7)
11 Egg white and bun - meal's served (7)
12 Goalie injured, taking prolonged rest (3-2)
13 Resolution to destroy primarily unscrupulous nationalist in contest (9)
14 Restless person ignoring wife cheats around, reflecting weak character (7,5)
18 Fiercely blast employee essentially fomenting trouble (5,3,4)
21 Fool mixing rum, gin and soda finally knocked out (9)
23 Caught with miss, getting intimate (5)
24 List one condition primarily relating to the intestines (7)
25 Fumes from drain (7)
26 Brood about hard religious instruction in Jewish month (6)
27 Fall after consuming drink with associate in Bulgarian capital (8)

Down

1 Gossip in story about couple of models (6)
2 Distress concealed by most simple American novelist (6)
3 Groans miserably, eating Scottish sweetheart's hot dish of curried meat (5,4)
4 Short story by Agatha Christie in the incredible novel enthrals many (5,5,4)
6 Heave with a bit of rattle in type of pneumonia (5)
7 Control darling after party (8)
8 Coalesced under heat perhaps in desert (8)
9 What paraglider hopes to do in the end to have good luck (4,2,4,4)
15 Irritation after wicket's snared by crap, unorthodox shot (6-3)
16 Most serious-minded son seeks help to crack examination (8)
17 Alludes to criminals stifling witness (8)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Kind like a mother

When Krishna told the Gopas and Gopikas to make their offerings not to Indra but to Govardhana hill, Indra was furious. He caused it to rain continuously for a week. But Krishna did not punish him. An Acharya has given a beautiful explanation as to why He spared Indra, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse.

When a mother has a second child, the first child becomes jealous of the attention the mother gives the newborn. The elder child, unable to understand why it is no longer the focus of her attention, shows its displeasure by throwing tantrums. The mother does not punish the child because she knows the reason for its behaviour. Likewise, in the case of Indra, the Lord had helped him many times. But now He was with the Gopas and Gopikas and was showering His affection on them. This made Indra envious of them and his trying to trouble them was his way of displaying his anger against the new friends of Krishna. So, the Lord, like a mother who understands and forgives her child, forgave Indra.

Explaining a Periyazhvar verse, Manavala Mamunigal gives an example to show Krishna's saulabhya. Gopikas went to river to bathe. They wanted to check if the turmeric pieces they were going to use would leave a lovely yellow colour on their skin. Usually, turmeric is rubbed on a stone to check its quality. But the rocks on the river bank were already covered with turmeric marks. So the Gopikas rubbed their turmeric pieces on Krishna's back to check the quality. Imagine the Supreme One allowing them to treat Him thus! No wonder Krishna is the One who comes to mind when we speak of the quality of saulabhya.

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Devbhoomi Uttarakhand
Explore the Unexplored

Boosting Spiritual Tourism Through Infrastructure Development

Uttarakhand, a mystical land of mountains and mythologies, exquisite landscapes and exhilarating adventure, wellness and yoga, has something for every traveller. The Uttarakhand Government, led by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, has initiated several infrastructure development projects to boost spiritual tourism in the state. While Badrinath and Kedarnath are getting a facelift, the State Government intends to complete all the ongoing projects under 'Char Dham' within specified timeframes

Key Highlights

- To date, the Char Dham yatra has seen a record footfall of over 37 lakh pilgrims this year
- The number of tourists visiting Shankaracharya Samadhi has increased manifolds
- PM Modi's meditation cave now a major tourist attraction at Kedarnath
- Renovation work in Badrinath and Kedarnath Dham being carried out at a rapid pace

Journey made easy by Ropeways

In the coming years, Gauri Kund to Kedarnath, Govind Ghat to Hemkund Sahib, Ranibagh to Nainital, Panchkoti to New Tehri, Khaliatop to Munsiyari, Rishikesh to Neelkanth and Auli to Gaurson ropeway projects will add to the tourism and economy of the state.

Surkanda Devi ropeway is already in operation.

Apart from these 7 proposed ropeways, a proposal has been sent to Road Transport National Highway Logistics Management Limited on 26 May 2022 to accept 35 other ropeway projects under Parvat Mala Project.

- Pushkar Singh Dhami,
CM of Uttarakhand

The Char Dham pilgrimage in Uttarakhand is attracting a large number of pilgrims. Till now, more than 37 lakh pilgrims have visited the four shrines — Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

The reconstruction projects in Badrinath and Kedarnath are being reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure smooth travel and darshan. The State Government has also been closely monitoring the project's progress, keeping in mind the increasing number of tourist in these shrines year after year. Infrastructure development plans centred on Badrinath, Kedarnath, Vasuki Tal, Garud Chatti, and Lincholi as spiritual tourism destinations are being developed. Mana village and surrounding areas are also included in the rural tourism development plan. In addition, efforts are being made to promote local culture and products in order to create a model economy.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami stated that reconstruction work in Badrinath and Kedamath is progressing quickly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's supervision. Work is being done both at night and during the day for the convenience of the devotees. The goal is to have all of the work completed by December 2023. The first phase of reconstruction work in Kedarnath has been completed. In the second phase, 21 projects worth Rs188 crore are being completed. Three of these projects have been completed, and the remaining six will be completed by December 2022. The remaining 12 projects are expected to be completed by July 2023. Gaurikund has built the gate. Sangam Ghat will be finished by June 2023. The Ishaneshwar temple will also be completed in a month.

Work is being completed at a rapid pace in Badrinath. Sheesh Netra Lake and Badrish Lake will be finished soon. Similarly, the river development project is expected to be completed within the time frame specified. The ministry of culture is planning four types of projects for the Kedamath shrine, which will commence soon. All of the other projects have been thoroughly planned and prepared. Other projects being undertaken by the Ministry of Culture include– establishment of an Orientation Center at Sonprayag, Chintan Sthal (Meditation Sthal) at Rambara Choti Lincholi, Badi Lincholi Channi Camp, Shiv Udyan at Shri Kedarnath, and Shri Kedar Udyan at Shri Kedar Udyan.

The renovation work at Shesh Netra Lake and Badrish Lake are nearing completion. The river development project is expected to be completed within the specified time frame.

Savour Quintessential Himalayan Culture at Homestays

Demand for homestays is increasing in Uttarakhand—a place that attracts travellers from far and wide due to its scenic beauty and pilgrimage sites.

Homestay is the best way to experience the famed Himalayan hospitality of Uttarakhand. A homestay is staying in someone's home as a paying guest for short time period where the guests are provided with budget-friendly accommodation and services by individual family and the local community.

There are many registered homestays available in Uttarakhand where one can explore rural life full of splendid natural surroundings, enjoy local culture and cuisine, explore hidden spots; all this with the help of native people. One can savour the quintessential Himalayan cultural by opting to stay in ancient wooden 'Havelis', heritage buildings, village huts or contemporary residences. The Uttarakhand government has launched the 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Homestay Scheme' to make your vacation memorable. The initiative to promote community travel has benefited both the hosts, who are local residents looking for alternative income opportunities, and the tourists, who have the opportunity to participate in local cultural activities.

So far, 4,060 residential units in rural and urban areas have been registered, and approximately 12,000 people have received employment opportunities through the scheme, either directly or indirectly.

The most popular homestay destinations in the state are Munsiyari, Tehri, Pithoragarh, and Uttarkashi. Basa Homestay in Khirsu is a well-known model homestay in Uttarakhand. This government-owned property is intended to provide visitors with a taste of Garhwali life.

All-weather roads: Paving avenues of pilgrims

The project, dubbed as lifeline of Uttarakhand, would boost tourism in the state and garner global recognition

The 'Char Dham Yatra', one of the most sought-after pilgrimage tours in India, connects four religious destinations in Uttarakhand—Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath, and Kedamath. The all-weather Char Dham road would connect these four holy destinations. The project, launched in 2016, is about to be completed as per the timelines and is expected to boost tourism in Uttarakhand. It will enable Uttarakhand and get the global recognition, thus making it a much sought-after tourist destination.

The Union Ministry has approved the Uttarakhand Government's proposal to build a 42.5-kilometer-long Najibabad-Afzalgarh bypass, which will reduce the distance and travel time between the state's Garhwal and Kumaon regions.

The Uttarakhand Government is making every possible effort to make the project a grand success. According to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the all-weather road project will be completed soon for the benefit of the masses. The 889-kilometer-long all-weather road, known as Uttarakhand's lifeline, is being built at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore.

Uttarakhand has 41 approved works out of a total of 53 works in the megaproject, with 19 completed to date and work on 22 currently underway.

To improve connectivity, the CM has asked Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to build a ring road around Dehradun to relieve traffic congestion in the city and surrounding areas. On 1,100 acres of land, CM Dhami also proposed developing Logistics Park, Fruit and Vegetable Park, and Aadhat Bazaar.

Strengthening Road Connectivity In Uttarakhand

Difficult Himalayan terrains create obstacles in the execution of the project. So far, the development has proved to make the Char Dham Yatra more conducive for the devotees. The CM has advised officials to expedite the progress on the all-weather road connecting the Char Dham without any delay considering the issues of general public.

The Central Government has accepted the Uttarakhand Government's proposal to build a 42.5-kilometer-long Najibabad-Afzalgarh bypass to reduce distance and travel time between the state's Garhwal and Kumaon regions. This bypass would shorten the journey between Garhwal and Kumaon by 20 kilometres.

The construction of a four-lane Majhola-Khatima road between Pilibhit and Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh has been approved, thanks to the efforts of the chief minister.

The four-lane Sitarganj-Tanakpur highway has also been approved, and construction will begin soon. This project will enable and facilitate vehicle movement between the districts of Champawat and Pithoragarh.

The Uttarakhand Government is also building a 47-kilometer-long road between Pithoragarh and Askot along the lines of the all-weather project.

The CM has also emphasised on the importance of compensating people who have lost land acquired by the government for construction purposes. The compensation would be delivered as soon as possible. Because the project heavily involves locals, the authorities are concerned about their well-being.

MOUNTAIN CALLING

Uttarakhand is a land of sublime natural beauty and serene spirituality, with enchanting Himalayan views and a cultural ethos that speaks of simple living in harmony with nature. To top it all off, there are a plethora of must-do activities available, ranging from water sports to ashrams where you can connect with your inner self. The snow-capped mountains of Auli, Chopta, Mussoorie, Dhanaulti, Munsiyari, Mukteshwar, and other locations captivate the imagination.

Manaskhand Circuit: The Corridor Of Faith

17 tourist destinations in Kumaon to be connected in Phase-1

Uttarakhand government will connect 17 tourist destinations in the Kumaon region to further promote tourism in the state over the next five years.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the move is aimed at boosting tourism in the state.

We have elaborate plans for the Kumaon region, which has a lot of potential and is home to multiple places of worship and scenic beauty. Tourists will be able to visit multiple places in one trip," said Dhami.

Officials also said that a lot of people, both domestic and foreigners, already come to these destinations for religious and travel purposes. With the development project, it would become more convenient for tourists to visit these places. And in order to accommodate the higher tourist volume, a parking lot will also be developed at Kainchi Dham first and more such spaces would come up at the other spots going forward.

Tourism development programmes have been a part of various government initiatives in the past, like '13 districts, 13 new tourist destinations' scheme in which places like Munsiyari (Pithoragarh district), Kausani (Bageshwar). Mukteshwar (Nainital) had been identified and developed for specific tourism themes like laser, tea etc.

Rishikesh-Karnaprayag rail project set to ease pilgrimage in Uttarakhand

The proposed railway line will connect important towns like Devprayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, Gauchar and Karnaprayag through five districts of Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag and Chamoli

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new broad-gauge railway line is on the anvil by the government between Rishikesh and Kamaprayag. This will facilitate easy access to pilgrimage centres situated in the state. Pushkar Singh Dhami, chief minister, Uttarakhand, said it will help connect new trade centres, develop backward areas help with industrial development, boost economy, enhance tourism prospects and service the public on this route by reducing travel time and cost.

The proposed railway line will connect important towns like Devprayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, Gauchar and Karnaprayag through five districts of Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag and Chamoli. The project was started in 2016 at a budget of Rs 16,216.31 crore of sanctioned amount, which currently amounts to Rs 24,659 crore after inflation.

The final location survey took the benefit of expertise of international consultants, insti¬tutes of repute and eminent experts in the fields of tunnelling, bridges, railway etc, at the planning stage itself, while the work of proof consultancy was given to IIT-Roorkee.

The digital elevation model and detailed geological survey have already been done. In order to minimise risks and difficulties during construction and operational stages, a Committee of Experts of international repute in the field of railway line construction in hilly areas has been appointed.

The alignment finalized in the reconnaissance survey had 81 small tunnels totaling to 58.64 km. Around 5 to 6 km tunnel is being excavated in a month. Total length of tunnel to be excavated, including main tunnel, escape tunnel, adit tunnel and cross passages is 213 km. Till date, 70 km tunnel has already been excavated. However, adverse geolo¬gy has made the final alignment to be pushed into the hills, thereby hav¬ing 17 long tunnels with total length of 105.4 km, 13 escape tunnels (length 97.7 km) and 13 new stations yards. Land acquisition and forest clearances have been obtained for entire project. Train maintenance facilities are being developed at Yog Nagari Rishikesh station. Out of three important rail bridges, one across river Chandrabhaga at Rishikesh has been completed with laying of track in all respects and at the other two, over river Ataknanda at Lachmoli and Srinagar, miscellaneous works are in progress. Major road bridges for accessibility to work sites at Gauchar are completed and work is in progress on bridges at Srinagar and Sivai.

The project is targeted to be completed by December 2024. Till March 2022, Rs 7,242.71 crore had been spent.

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